

Nominations To Be Held Dec. 22

Necessary Bylaw Given Its Several Readings and Passed At Meeting of Council

Nominations for the office of Reeve, Councillors, members of Board of Education and Hydro Commissioner will be held in the Stirling Community Hall from 7 to 8 p.m., on Friday, December 22nd, according to a by-law given its several readings at the regular meeting of village council, held on Monday night. If an election is necessary it will be held on Monday, January 1st. Reeve Wm. C. West presided over the meeting and all the members of council were present.

The report of the Boiler Inspector on his inspection of the boiler in the Community Hall was tabled showing it to be in good condition. A number of communications were also tabled and along with the report were received and filed.

The matter of snowplowing the streets was discussed and the streets committee was authorized to make arrangements with D. Stapley to do the work.

Councillor Wells reported that the library steps had cost \$92.60 plus the carpenter's bill.

Treasurer Harper Rollins presented a report of the village's finances up-to-date, showing receipts and expenditures in the various departments.

The following accounts were presented for payment.

A. E. Strickland, \$119; Geo. Belshaw, streets, \$43.30; Library, \$6.00; \$49.30; Livingstone Stokers, \$39.20; Harold Juby, snowplowing, \$2.00; Stirling Fire Brigade, \$22.00; F. Wannamaker, snowplowing and sand, \$19.30; Stirling News-Argus, \$19.75; Morrow Bros., grading streets, \$11.25; Ernest Lake, grading streets, \$9.60; Co. Hastings, paving streets, \$405.88; Guy Bradshaw, fire truck, \$8.50; Sam Bowen, streets, \$29.71; G. H. Luery, postage, \$3.00; Stirling Motor Sales, waterworks, \$2.50; J. C. McGee, \$37.18; Melklojohn Hardware, waterworks, \$12.40, library, \$23.35, streets, 9.00, cemetery, \$2.00, theatre, \$6.50; R. A. Williams, \$10.70; Harper Rollins, waterworks, 2.25; Thos. Spry, coal, \$25.75; Wm. Cairns, cemetery, \$7.00; Hermiston's Drug Store, \$1.90; Stirling Hydro, \$202.63; Stirling waterworks, \$119.19.

The next meeting of council will be held in the council chambers on Friday, December 15th, at 8 p.m.

About People

Dr. and Mrs. Ira E. David, of Atlanta, Georgia, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. David.

Miss Lenora Williams, of Toronto, is a guest of her sister, Mrs. C. H. David.

Mr. Geo. Belshaw is spending a few days of this week in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Goodrich and daughters, Muriel and Marjorie, of Morganston, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eggleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Duffin returned home on Tuesday after spending a week in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Macklin spent Sunday with relatives in Cobourg.

Mrs. Minnie Stillman, of Woodstock was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bell.

Rev. W. H. V. Walker attended Presbytery meeting in Belleville, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Baragar and Mrs. Clifford Baker, Belleville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baker on Sunday.

ST. JOHN'S A.Y.P.A.

St. John A. Y. P. A. met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Vance, on Monday evening with twenty-four members present. The meeting was opened with a hymn, followed by prayer by the rector.

Rural Dean, W. J. Robinson, of Tweed was the guest speaker and gave a fine address on Young People's work, emphasizing young people's relationship with Sunday School work, Confirmation and the worship of the Church. An interesting discussion followed and the singing of a hymn closed this part of the meeting. Several games were played and a dainty lunch was served by the committee, assisted by Mrs. Vance.



MITCHELL F. HEPBURN
Chosen House Leader of Liberals in Ontario Legislature

Broken Hand

Wm. Bowen, of town, slipped and fell on a snow covered roadway, just as he was leaving his place of employment at the Trenton Airport Friday evening, and as a result broke his right hand in two places.

PREACHES AT ST. PAUL'S

Owing to Rev. David Gray's illness, Mr. Lorne Johnston, of Springbrook, occupied the pulpit at St. Paul's, on Sunday last.

Red Cross Notes

The monthly business meeting was held last Friday with the President, Mrs. Gordon Bailey in the chair. Letters were read from Bob Jones and Bob Luery, both in the navy, thanking the Red Cross for Christmas parcels received. There are now 37 paid members in the nursing class. Greek relief will be taken in hand again after the new year, when donations of children's knitted goods will be acceptable. Quilt patches are very badly needed. Can anyone help?

A nominating committee was called for, but it was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that the old officers carry on.

Those wishing to enter the Bridge and Eucharist Marathon are requested to send in their names to Mrs. C. I. Hatton, with Dec. 29 as the deadline.

LONE BLOOD DONOR

One lone blood donor from this village, Mr. Gordon Bailey, attended the Belleville Clinic, on Sunday last.

Study Group Met

The River Valley Study Group met at the home of Mrs. J. Sager with eighteen in attendance.

The Pres. opened the meeting with hymn 95 and prayer by Mrs. Roy Bush.

After the usual business and reports, the election of officers for 1945 was kindly and capably conducted by Mrs. J. A. Lott with the following results:

Hon. Pres.—Mrs. David Gray.
Pres.—Mrs. Percy Utman.
Vice-Pres.—Mrs. J. Sager.
Sec.—Mrs. Roy Bush.
Planist, Miss Flossie Rosebush.
Temp. Sec.—Mrs. H. H. Hanna.
Peace Sec.—Mrs. Mary Vandervoort.
Lit. Sec.—Mrs. Roy Irven.
Com. Friendship Sec.—Mrs. Alex Bush.

Associate Helpers—Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Sager.
Missionary Monthly Sec.—Mrs. Ross Bush.

A good programme followed which was planned by Mrs. Don Donohoe, who took charge of the remainder of the meeting.

Hymn 230 was sung followed by prayer by Mrs. Gray.

Mrs. Chard gave an impressive talk on "Remembrance Day" followed by hymn 525, "O Valiant Hearts."

The third chapter of "West of the Date Line", given by Mrs. Hanna showed careful preparation.

Mrs. Don Donohoe gave an excellent paper on the "Church of All Nations." "A Friend of the Wounded" was read by Mrs. Ross Bush.

A hymn and the Mizpah Benediction closed a very interesting meeting.

Bring your mite-boxes to the next meeting which will be held Dec. 13th, at the home of Mrs. Ross Bush.

Awards And Diplomas For Pupils At Commencement Exercises

Programme of Songs, Dance Numbers and Two One-Act Plays To Be Presented — Scholarships and Thirty Proficiency Prizes Among The Awards To Be Made

Commencement exercises, that occasion when proud mothers and fathers turn out to see their children receive certificates, diplomas, proficiency prizes, and other proofs of scholastic prowess, will take place in Stirling Theatre tonight (Thursday).

A good programme, featuring two one-act plays, "Elmer Cleans Up" and "The First Dress Suit," songs and dance numbers, will be presented. The valedictory address will be given by Miss Mary Lanigan, winner of three scholarships in her last term at the local High School.

Following is a list of those receiving awards and diplomas and the programme:

1. Scholarships donated by the Stirling High School Literary Society for the highest average in their respective grades—\$4.00 each.

Grade XII Margaret Davis
Grade XI Helen Johnstone
Grade X Marion Graver
Grade IX Donald Wilson

2. Students whose names go on the Shields for Proficiency in their respective grades.

Grade XIII—Alger Shield Mary Lanigan
Grade XII—Morton Shield Margaret Davis
Grade XI—Bastado Shield Helen Johnstone
Grade X—Wright Shield Marion Graver
Grade IX—Duffin Shield Donald Wilson

3. Proficiency Prizes (value \$2.00 each)

Grade XII Agriculture II—R. E. Fox Doris Pollock
Grade XII English—J. S. Whitehead Margaret Gray
Grade XII French—Dr. C. F. Walt Iris Holland
Grade XII Geometry—R. A. Hermiston Robert Elliott
Grade XII Latin—H. R. Tompkins Fred Eggleton
Grade XII Mod. Hist.—Ewart Bailey Earl Haslett
Grade XI Agriculture I—M. J. Black Jack Hermiston
Grade XI Algebra—Dr. E. A. Carleton Norman Nelson
Grade XI Anc. & Mod. Hist.—C. I. Hatton Ila Barton
Grade XI English—N. E. Eggleton Marcella Stapley
Grade XI French—Miss B. Linnen Eleanor Bush
Grade XI Latin—Miss K. McCrimmon Helen Lunnis
Grade X Agriculture II—A. E. Strickland Joan Hoard
Grade X Can. Hist.—J. B. Belshaw Barbara Sine
Grade X English—Miss E. Torrance Lois McGee
Grade X French—H. C. Bird Margaret McGee
Grade X Geography—C. E. Macklin Grant Stapley
Grade X Home Economics—W. C. West Ruth Rose
Grade X Latin—J. L. Good Lois Weaver
Grade X Mathematics—W. Wright Betty Wilce
Grade X Shop—G. L. Johnston Frank Weaver
Grade IX Agriculture I—R. G. Paul Jack Chambers
Grade IX Art—C. H. Vance Norma Mason
Grade IX Br. History—Dr. P. V. Helliwell Vivian Welbourn
Grade IX Bus. Practice—E. G. Bailey Gerald Bush
Grade IX English—R. A. Patterson Joan McCurdy
Grade IX French—W. T. Elliott Shirley Preston
Grade IX Home Economics—Batemans' Ladies' Wear Helen Heath
Grade IX Mathematics—McIntosh & Wells Kenneth Black
Grade IX Shop—C. A. Wells Bert Jones

4. Prize for the student from Stirling Public School, obtaining the highest marks on the Entrance Examinations. (Value \$2.00) Mrs. C. A. Wells Barbara Prince

5. Intermediate Certificates.

Jesse Barlow, Jack Bush, Marion Graver, Grant Helliwell, Joan Hoard, Robert Hulin, Mary Lanigan, Lois McGee, Margaret McGee, Jean McIntosh, Ray McLaren, Gordon Preston, John Reid, Ruth Rose, Barbara Sine, Eloise Sine, Grant Stapley, Garnet Thain, Joe Thompson, Marjorie Walt, Frank Weaver, Lois Weaver, Betty Wilce, Jimmy Wright, Glen Whitehead.

6. Graduation Diplomas.

Robert Cosbey, Margaret Davis, Fred Eggleton, Robert Elliott, Iris Holland, Doris Pollock, Thyra Rose, Donald Runnalls, Thomas Stocker.

7. Honour Graduation Diplomas.

Donald Barton, Albert Bastado, Harold Bush, Marjorie Bush, Eunice Davis, Royden Davis, Robert Jackman, Mary Lanigan, Donald McIntosh, Douglas Patterson, George Reid, Marian Rose, Grenville Sine, Joyce Sine, Roy Thompson, Katherine Wright.

8. Provincial Student Aid Scholarships.

Grade XIII (Value \$100.00) Margaret Davis
University of Toronto, (Value \$400.00) Robert Jackman
Normal School (Value \$200.00) Mary Lanigan

9. Two Hon. J. R. Cooke Scholarships for Stirling High School. (Best eight papers in Upper School, value \$50.00 each)

Mary Lanigan—Robert Jackman

10. The First Carter Scholarship for the County of Hastings (best ten papers in Upper School, including English, Geometry and Algebra.) Mary Lanigan

11. Valedictory Address Mary Lanigan

TWO PART SONG

(a) Juanita.

(b) Somewhere over the Rainbow.

Barbara Brazil, Mary Agnes Fox, Margaret Haggerty, Iida Keitcheson, Joan McCurdy, Jean McIntosh, Lois McGee, Norma Mason, Shirley Preston, Barbara Prince, Barbara Robson, Thyra Rose, Arline Tammon, Joyce Wallace, Vivian Welbourn, Glen Wellman.

"ELMER CLEANS UP"

The action takes place in the living-room of the Redfield Home on a Sunday afternoon.

CAST OF CHARACTERS
JOHN REDFIELD Charles Bridges
CLARA (His wife) Margaret Davis
MARY (their daughter) Margaret Gray
ELMER (their son) Frank Weaver
NANCY WAYNE Kathleen Fanning

"THE IRISH LILT"

(A COUNTRY DANCE)

Joan Hoard, Ruth Rose, Mae Sables, Eleanor Heagle, Bora Rodgers, Gladys Clarke, Rosella Fitchett, Lorraine Graver.

"THE FIRST DRESS SUIT"

The action takes place in the living-room of the Hardings.

CAST OF CHARACTERS
MRS. HARDING Mary Chambers
ETTY (her daughter) Iris Bastado
JEDDY (her son) Robert Fanning
JOHNNY DRAKE Fred Eggleton
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Attend Final Session County Council

Reeve Wm. C. West is attending the final session of Hastings County Council for this year being held in Shire Hall, Belleville, this week. Others from this district in attendance are Messrs. W. J. Tanner, Reeve and J. Morrison, Deputy-Reeve, of Rawdon Township; Reeve Thos. Fleming, of Huntingdon, and Reeve F. Wilson and Deputy-Reeve Sam Nicolson, of Sidney Township.

IN HOSPITAL

Friends of Mrs. Geo. Rupert, of town, will regret to learn that she is a patient in General Hospital, Belleville.

At Convention

Mrs. J. C. Sills, of West Huntingdon, and Mrs. F. M. Rutherford, of Bonarlaw, are attending the eighth annual meeting of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, being held in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto yesterday and today. Mrs. Sills is representing North Hastings District Women's Institute and Mrs. Rutherford, Hastings County Federation.

HEPBURN NAMED HOUSE LEADER

At a caucus of the Liberal members of the Ontario Legislature held yesterday in Toronto, Mr. M. F. Hephburn, former premier, was appointed house leader for the coming session.

Christmas Party

On Monday, the 4th of December, a very delightful Christmas party was given to members of the "Hands Across the Sea" Mission Band, in St. Paul's United Church, Sunday School parlour, by their leaders, Mrs. H. Wells and Mrs. E. Luery.

After a brief devotional study, an excellent program was given as follows: song, "Silent Night" by Helen Stinson and Eleanor Wells; solo, "Little Christmas Candle," by Robert A. Good; play, "At Bethlehem" by June Irish, Marabelle West, Evelyn Lancaster, and Ronald Williams. story, "A Dream Story of Christmas" by Mrs. H. Wells. This part of the meeting closed with prayer by Betty Rouse.

Games were played, and a lovely lunch of sandwiches, was enjoyed by thirty children of the Mission Band.

Mrs. Geo. McGee Died Suddenly

Mrs. George McGee died suddenly at 10.30 this (Thursday) morning at her residence, Wellman's Corners. She was the former Elizabeth Lowe and was in her 70th year. Funeral arrangements were not completed at time of going to press.

St. Paul's Y.P.U.

On last Monday evening the Young People of St. Paul's held another enjoyable evening, most of the members were present.

The meeting was opened by the singing of hymn, No. 181, after which Harold Hagerman led in a short prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were then read by Gerald Bush. Margaret Davis, Missionary convenor, then took charge of the rest of the meeting. The Scripture was read by Garnet Thain from Luke, chap. 4, v. 38-44, and Luke: 5, verses 18-26.

Frank Weaver read some material on a Missionary Hospital at Bella Bella, which was followed by a very interesting talk about that part of the country by Rev. Gray. Hymn number 34 was sung and the Mizpah Benediction was repeated. The remainder of the meeting was spent in games.

RORKE FERGUSON GIVEN APPOINTMENT

Reeve Rorke Ferguson, of Norwood, former M. P. for Hastings-Peterboro, was appointed to the reforestation committee for six years by the Peterborough County Council, replacing W. A. Anderson, who has been chairman since the forest in Belmont-Dummer was assumed late in 1938.

Stirling Student Wins Scholarship

Miss Mary Lanigan, Graduate Stirling High School, Comes First In The County

Miss Mary Louise Lanigan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Volney Richardson, Ridge Road, and Upper School graduate of Stirling High School, has been awarded the first Carter Scholarship for Hastings County.

The scholarship, valued at \$100.00, is the third earned by Miss Lanigan for her outstanding scholastic record of the last term in which she graduated from the local High School.

Miss Lanigan, who is now attending Peterboro Normal School, won the Toronto University student-aid scholarship, and the Hon. J. R. Cooke scholarship as well as the above scholarship.

The second Carter Scholarship, value \$60, was won by Frank Stojan, of Trenton High School, and the third value \$40, was won by David Marcus, of Belleville Collegiate.

Hockey News

Messrs. P. Utman, Earl Wallace and Don McIntosh attended a joint meeting of the executives of the Stirling and Marmora Hockey Clubs held in the latter village on Tuesday night. Plans for the coming season were discussed and everything is in readiness for the opening practice as soon as ice is available.

Citation Of Sgt. Jas. Stapley, M.M.

Following is the citation accompanying the award of the military medal to Acting Sergeant James Stapley, which was published in the News-Argus some time ago. Sgt. Stapley is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stapley, Madoc Junction, and a member of the H. & P. E. Reg't.

His citation follows: "During the evening of May 21st, 1944, prior to the assault on the Adolf Hitler Line, the officer commanding 14th platoon of the Hastings and Prince Edward Regt. was wounded and evacuated. Sgt. James Stapley quickly took over command.

"This platoon was under heavy mortar fire and was suffering many casualties. This non-commissioned officer immediately reorganized the platoon and led them into position at a pivot in the line. Here for seventy-two hours in plain view of the enemy and only one hundred and fifty yards from heavily fortified pill-boxes, he held his position. In spite of constant sniping, mortaring and shelling the platoon contained a large force of the enemy. When the order came to attack he led his platoon through deadly fire into position that completely neutralized fire from the pillboxes and made their capture without casualties possible. Sgt. Stapley's great personal courage, leadership and skill were largely responsible for the determined stand made by the men of his platoon."

- Coming Events -

RESERVE DECEMBER 20th FOR ST. Andrew's Sunday School Entertainment. 14-1p

RESERVE THURSDAY EVENING, December 14th to hear Miss Agnes MacPhail, C.C.F., M.P.P. speak at Stirling Community Hall, at 8.15 14-2p

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STIRLING L.O.L., No. 110 will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14th, at 8 p.m. All brethren are requested to attend. Visitors welcome. Thos. McGee, Rec.-Sec. R. Holland, Wor. Master. 14-1p

LISTEN TO THE MUSIC OF JACK McCaughen's Trent Valley Ramblers CHEX, Peterboro, 1430 on your dial, Tuesday, Dec. 12th, at 2.15 p.m. featuring Doug Jones and Charlie Campion, violinists; Edna Campion and Jack McCaughen, guitarists; Myrtle James, pianist, and Dorothy McCaughen, drums. Dance to the music of the Ramblers, Frankford Community Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 13th. Admission 50 cents. 14-1

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SOME ELECTION TALK

With nominations for municipal offices scheduled for Friday, December 22nd, there is some election talk along Front St. None of the present council has announced his intentions as to again seeking office but rumour has it that an ex-councillor and several newcomers will be in the field. The present council has done a good job and some ratepayers have expressed themselves as favourable to an acclamation. It is also rumoured that there will be several aspirants for the vacant seats on the Board of Education and Hydro Commission. Regardless of what happens at nominations it is good to see increased interest in municipal affairs even should it prove mostly talk.

— V —

IDEAL SHOPPER

The ideal shopper from the standpoint of Local Action Boards and most retail merchants is the consumer who keeps himself or herself well informed in regard to ration dates by consulting the Ration Coupon Calendar at home before the shopping expedition is begun. Many shoppers find it of much advantage to follow this rule and to jot down in advance on a slip of paper the number of valid coupons in their possession so that they may govern their purchases accordingly. By carrying this list along with their ration coupon books and consulting it as required, they are relieved of the necessity of asking questions of salespeople and the latter are also relieved of answering them and possibly making errors in doing so. With many retail establishments understaffed and exceptionally busy, general observance of this rule is recommended by rationing authorities and retail merchants' organizations.

— V —

CHRISTMAS GIVING

Now that Canadian mothers, fathers, wives and sweethearts have done right by the troops overseas with Christmas parcels they're beginning to look around for gifts for Junior, Mary and Uncle John, as well as remembrances for special friends.

Two considerations should govern the choice of gifts this year—supply and essentiality. Such a cold, un-Christmassy word, "essentiality," . . . and yet choosing gifts that are necessary and not luxuries, can make supplies go farther and ensure everyone a share of those available.

The truth is, though restrictions on the manufacture of numerous products are being lifted, materials and manpower are not available for their manufacture in any great volume. It will be some time before many electrical appliances, for example will be on sale in retail stores in the required quantities.

So, while it has always been a judicious policy, this year it will again be the patriotic theme, to buy only gifts which meet specific needs.

— V —

OUR MEN OF THE SEAS MUST BE REMEMBERED

The other day a friend of ours showed us a letter from his only son, "eighteen-and-a-bit" years old, and already a visual signaller, making his last-minute preparations to go to sea!

"I'll be picking up a ship at—", he wrote, "and will be at sea for Christmas alright—or is it alright? I want to go to sea, you know, but I'll miss Christmas with you and Mum this year! I've heard from the chaps down here who've been to sea that it isn't so bad at sea on Christmas-day because there is usually a celebration of some kind and then there's the ditty bag apiece the friends of the Navy League send through and magazines to read and games to play."

"I just hope there's enough of all of them on my ship because it'll be bad enough as it is—missing you both!"

We sympathized with that young lad, doing his job for us at home here, and it didn't stop us though, from thinking of all the other thousands of lads who'll be at sea at shore depots away from home. Some of them will be spending their fifth or even sixth Christmas away from home, maybe! And that, readers, for you and us.

Take a minute out, when you read—to see if your woodlens has sent a ditty bag or to the Navy League to be forwarded to these lads of ours. If you and your family haven't done anything, it isn't too late, you know!

Just a reminder, friends, that's all. You don't mind?

PUBLIC OPINION

Popularity of opinion Polls is soundly based on human nature. Our curiosity about what other persons are thinking is apparently insatiable. We do not necessarily want to agree or disagree with them; we simply want to know. Even if we have no personal interest in whether the general public approves or disapproves of double-feature movies or blood-red nail polish, we will read a statistical analysis of the varied answers given by plumbers, postmen and policemen and admit that the result of the poll corresponds, in all probability, with public opinion.

When the subject of the poll is an election, public interest becomes warm, even heated. One might think that popularity of the polls would also increase, but it seems to be the fact (although this has not been verified statistically) that people resent opinion polls on elections even while they read them. They may readily agree that the voice of the people is the voice of God, but not that either is the voice of Gallup.

Resentment may spring from the fact that an election is something in which we are emotionally involved. We know that women and proprietors of moving picture theatres will continue to do as they please without regard to statistics. Unmoved, we can read the results of the polls on nail polish and double features, priding ourselves on belonging to the intelligent minority, or, if our opinion coincides with that of the majority, getting some satisfaction from the proof that the country is sound at heart.

But when the question is whether Hon. Samuel Slumkey or Horatio Fizkin shall represent the historic riding of Eatanswill, the black magic that can forecast the result brings little comfort. There is no satisfaction in belonging to the intelligent minority when the scoundrels of the majority group are going to misgovern the country, and if one happens to side with the majority, the poll demonstrates that the result was predestined anyway.

The machinery of a democratic election is cumbersome and creaky, but magnificently human. There is enjoyment to be derived from mass meetings, vituperative oratory, editorials written in the white heat of partisanship. It is humiliating to reflect that the same result could be obtained more efficiently by a pack of punched cards shuffled through a Hollerith tabulator. Infallibility may command respect, but never affection.—Printed Word.

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Do your Christmas shopping early and be sure and do it in Stirling.

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Deseronto is erecting a memorial rink, over \$2200 being subscribed so far.

— V —

When people talk of the spread of juvenile crime and delinquency so apparent today they usually lay the blame on either the church, the school or the state. They probably would be nearer the truth if they blamed the home.

— V —

Next Thursday is the final day for payment of taxes in Stirling, and ratepayers are reminded that if they are to avoid the penalty for delinquency they will have to pay up before that date.

— V —

The cheese factories of the district have completed their activities for the current year and the annual meetings of the various cheese and butter companies will be held in the coming weeks. According to reports the past season was not as good as some in the past, but still an average one.

— V —

This district got its first taste of wintry weather over the week-end. Snow which fell last Wednesday and Thursday blanketed the countryside and made travel difficult in rural sections. On Saturday the temperature began to drop and on Sunday morning below zero readings were recorded.

— V —

If there's one village by-law that needs to be dug out, brushed off and given an airing, it's the one covering the shovelling of snow from the village sidewalks. Following Thursday's heavy snow storm some of the citizens cleaned their walks while others didn't, with the result that pedestrians were forced to walk the road-way or wade the snow. This condition has prevailed for several winters and the practice of not shovelling the walks seems to be increasing. It would appear that either the shovelling of walks by the citizens should be made mandatory or arrangements made by Council to plow the walks and charge the cost to the ratepayers.

— V —

Monday was election day in a number of the municipalities of this district, with the result that their Christmas season will not be interrupted by municipal election campaigns. This is about the only argument for holding nominations and elections a month earlier since the claim that it results in increased interest on the part of the ratepayers has been proved a fallacy long ago. In scanning the exchanges that come to our desk, we note that in some municipalities very little interest was shown in nomination proceedings, while in others even as high as thirty-five candidates were nominated.

What Others Say

WE WONDER, TOO

With the price of some fur coats, we wonder if it's really the animal that gets skinned—Campbellford Herald.

ATTENTION, MR. MOTORIST

It has been established that the majority of car accidents are due to speed. Some are due to the fact that drivers have taken their eyes off the road, others to drivers dozing off to sleep, others to tire blow out, to faulty lights and defective brakes. But in the final analysis most of them are due to speed. Think it over Mr. Motorist, and slow down.

THE TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR

Isn't it amazing what one missing letter can do to a word or phrase? Our staff has been on the jump this week preparing financial statements for the surrounding municipalities, and one little item was supposed to read "John Doe, repairing bridge." Just in the nick of time, the proof-reader found that a "g" had eluded the linotypist's touch, and that sentence read "John Doe, repairing bride."—Prescott Journal.

APATHY TOWARDS MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

There were just over 50 at nomination meeting on Friday night, an improvement over previous years, but far from a fair representation of our citizens. We well remembered the days of a few years ago when there was the likelihood that somebody's hide would be hung on the fence the hall would be pretty well filled to hear the fireworks. A concerted effort was made this year to get a crowd out, but it was not very successful. Again all municipal offices have been filled by acclamation, and while this saves the expense of an election, it also shows the indifference of a large number of ratepayers towards the conduct of town affairs.—Carleton Place Canadian.

THE JEEP

Jeeps have made such a hit that a great many people say that they will buy a jeep as soon as they can get one. Not if they have ever ridden in a jeep. These machines were made to get soldiers into action regardless of cost or comfort. One U. S. motor manufacturer has offered to buy the entire U. S. stock of jeeps at the end of the war, on condition that he can use the name. He realizes the sale value of this, but he would not sell many jeeps if the public ever tried riding in the present one.—Letter-Review.

The Cost is Too High

Talking town politics with a group of men the other day, we were a bit amazed, because of our idealisms, to learn that many of our good businessmen refrained from seeking seats on a municipal council because they could not afford to lose trade. Isn't it strange that men willing to serve a community in an administrative capacity must also be willing to pay the penalty of loss of legitimate business over and above the time and effort diverted from his business towards that of the municipality? With such "below-the-belt" tactics in vogue, it is small wonder that it is becoming increasingly difficult to interest men of sound business judgment in accepting nomination to public office.—Prescott Journal.

CHANGE QUICKLY

Speaking in the British House of Commons the other day, Lieut.-Col. Wickham, M.P., recalled an experience narrated to him by a distinguished officer. The latter was travelling in Italy in a jeep with a captured German officer. As they passed through one village they were given a great welcome by the inhabitants, who threw flowers into their car. The British officer observed to the captured German. "I suppose they did the same for you." To which the German officer replied: "Yes, sir, and, what is more, they did it in this village yesterday." This incident conforms to the ideas of many Canadians who have served in Italy and had contact with Italian civilians.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

CHANGE IN MUNICIPAL ELECTION ACT

It is interesting to note the amendments made this year to sections 69 and 70, Municipal Act, with regard to the nomination and qualifications of candidates for municipal office. Section 69 now requires that both the proposer and seconder of a nomination shall be municipal electors. A new subsection (6a) has been added to section 70 providing that if one of the declarations of qualification is

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filed within the time limit by or on behalf of a person nominated for more than one office, the candidate is deemed to have resigned from all such nominations other than the one for which he qualified. Subsection 9 of section 70 has been amended and makes it necessary for candidates elected by acclamation to file declarations of qualification within the same time limit as other candidates. Formerly a candidate elected by acclamation had one week after nomination day in which to qualify.

DEATH OF HAVELOCK MAN

Fatally injured by a falling tree Monday, November 27, Andrew Althouse died in a Havelock hospital, Sunday. He was cutting trees alone in a bush several miles north of the village. One of them struck him a glancing blow on the body, hurling him to the ground and causing internal injuries which resulted in his death a week later. He lay unconscious from morning until late in the afternoon when he was found and taken back to Havelock.

PREMIER GEORGE DREW

will speak on

"A TIME FOR DECISION"

Wednesday, Dec. 13th
8.30 p.m.

over the Ontario Regional Network of the
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The eager voices of our men and women in uniform, calling home at Christmas and New Year's, will crowd the wires again this year. Help to make sure that every one of these calls goes through . . . that all those on duty away from home hear the voices of their loved ones.

Please send your greetings by mail—some one in the services will be grateful. (And please send them early—the postal people have a big holiday job on their hands, too.)

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NEWS FOR THE BUSY FARMER

DON'T DELAY ORDERS FOR FERTILIZERS

Because the situation with respect to supplies of fertilizers is somewhat easier now than it was a year ago, does not lessen the need on the part of farmers to place their orders for fertilizers at once and for taking delivery of them, says the Fertilizer Administrator, Agricultural Supplies Board. As a matter of fact, there is a greater urgency on the part of farmers for avoiding delay in placing their orders and accepting delivery when deliveries can be made, because the labour shortage and transportation difficulties are even more acute than last year, he said. War demands for supplies for the fighting forces are taking every surplus freight car that is available.

To be assured of having fertilizers for use next spring, now is the time for farmers to place their orders while the subventions on freight payable by the Dominion Government are still in effect.

CHEESE OF LIFE

Dairying has been identified with Switzerland for centuries, so it is not surprising that cheese figures prominently in one of the national customs. At the birth of a child, a cheese is made, named after the child, and carefully stored away. When the child grows up and marries, the cheese is presented at the marriage feast, together with the cheese of the partner, and the guests eat a piece of the cheese of both the bride and the bridegroom to bring good luck. What is left over of the two cheeses is carefully preserved in separate containers and is eaten by the guests at the funeral of the owner of the name-sake cheese.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

STIRLING

Mail and Express (Going West) — 6.00 a.m.

Mail and Express (Going East) — 10.30 p.m.

(Daily Except Sunday)

MADOC JUNCTION

Leave Madoc Junction for Madoc — 9.36 a.m.

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(Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday)

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Northbound — 1.25 p.m. — Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Southbound — 4.30 p.m. — Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

HOME MADE RAT POISONS

Because it has the advantage over rat poisons to human beings and domestic animals, finely ground red squill is one of the most satisfactory materials to use in home-made poisoned baits for rats. Chopped fresh fish, canned fish, freshly ground meat, and cereals, such as corn meal or bran, are recommended as baits. In preparing the fish or meat baits, mix one and one-half ounces of powdered red squill with enough water to make a thin paste without lumps and add it to one pound of fish or meat and mix thoroughly. In making a cereal bait, mix one and one-half ounces of dry red squill with one pound of cereal and then add one pint of sweet milk or water, stirring thoroughly to a mushy consistency.

Second in value only to red squill, is barium carbonate. Although less poisonous than arsenic, it should be handled with care as it is fatal to chickens, dogs, cats and larger animals if eaten in sufficient quantity. It is inexpensive, odourless, and tasteless. Baits may be prepared by mixing one part of the poison to five parts of food, such as meal or flour, adding sufficient water to form a dough.

Arsenic is used in many rat poisons. It is more deadly than barium carbonate. A good bait is prepared by mixing thoroughly one tablespoonful of finely powdered white arsenic with one pound of oatmeal and one pound of coarse brown sugar. Another formula is arsenic, two ounces, canned salmon, one pound, cornmeal, one pound. Another method reported successful is to dissolve one-quarter of an ounce of white arsenic in five ounces of hot glycerine, and to spread this solution thinly on slices of bread. When preparing and distributing these baits, every precaution must be taken to avoid exposing them where they may cause accidental poisoning to human beings, pets, or live stock.

Phosphorus is a common ingredient in rat poisons, but it is too dangerous to use in home-made poisons owing to its inflammability. Strychnine, a virulent poison and widely used against rats, has been found unsatisfactory in home-made poisons. Thallium is reported to be very effective but is too dangerous to be recommended for home-made mixtures. Further information will be found in the special pamphlet No. 33 "Control of Rats and Mice" which may be obtained free by writing to the Publicity and Extension Division, Dominion Department of Agriculture.

CERTIFIED POTATO SEED AVAILABLE

According to a summary of field in-

spection of potatoes, recently compiled by J. W. Scammell, District Inspector, Dominion Seed Potato Certification Service, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, 1,753 acres were entered for field inspection in Ontario during the 1944 season. Of these, 1,527 acres met the standards adopted for certified seed, or 87 per cent of the total. Although this is a decrease in the number of acres entered, from 729 fields entered by 413 growers, 1943, it is an increase of 196 acres in the number of acres finally passed; 88 per cent were passed; 91 acres passed as Foundation seed, 1,355 acres as Foundation A seed and 100 acres as certified seed. The total acreage of commercial potatoes grown in Ontario in 1914 has been placed at 120,000 acres.

The leading variety of certified and Foundation stock potatoes is Katahdin, with 1,052 acres passed. The Chippewa variety is in second place. The Sebago variety is becoming popular and the Rural New Yorker variety has shown a sharp decrease in recent years. The Irish Cobbler and Warba varieties are leaders for the early crop.

Yields from certified fields are reported as favourable, and good supplies of seed are now available. Lists of growers may be obtained from offices of Agricultural Representatives and officials of the Ontario Department of Agriculture would be pleased to provide information as to the location of suitable seed for 1945 planting.

NEW COMPETITION FOR IMPROVEMENT IN SCHOOL GROUNDS

A new competition to encourage the improvement of rural school grounds is announced by J. A. Carroll, Director of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. This competition, which is additional to the Province-wide competition for the Carter trophy, is on a township basis, with a view to selecting the school in each township which, during the period from September 1, 1944 to August 1, 1945, makes the greatest improvement in its school grounds.

Provision for this competition was made at a meeting of an inter-departmental committee representing the Departments of Education and Agriculture, under the chairmanship of Mr. Carroll, and the Ontario Horticultural Association is lending its co-operation in the awarding of certificates to the school selected in each township by the school inspectors. A score card was developed at this meeting, and the responsibility of scoring the schools in each township is placed in the hands of the district school inspector. The score card allows points as follows:

General Care: Clean-up, including removal of waste, eradication of weeds, mowing of grass, cultivation of plants, trimming of trees and pruning of shrubs, and acquisition of equipment for care of above, 35 points.

Improvement: Enlargement of grounds, repairs and painting of buildings, fences, flag-pole, pump, walks, grading of grounds and boulevards, 35 points.

New Planting: Suitability and arrangement of trees, shrubs, vines, flower beds, lawns and garden, 30 points.

Total, 100 points.

Any rural school is eligible for this award of a certificate from the Ontario Horticultural Association, providing sufficient work has been done to justify the award. The results of the judging are to be forwarded to Dr. V. K. Greer, Ontario Department of Education, before October 15, 1945, and arrangements for the presentation of the certificates will be made by the district school inspectors.

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Ross Munro Tells of Battle In Which Major Martin Was Killed

With the First Canadian Army, Dec. 4 — The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders from Hamilton, have had some amazing achievements in the western European campaign.

There was a three-day period at St. Lambert sur Dives in the Trun gap when two depleted companies of Argylls, totalling only 70 men operating with tanks of the South Alberta Regiment, captured 3,000 Germans.

Maj. Ivan Martin, of Stirling and Toronto, led one of the companies and he was killed there. Maj. Gordon Winfield led the other and was wounded. The Germans tried to break through St. Lambert many times and the Canadians mowed them down. That town was the graveyard of the Seventh Army. There was no slaughter in all the Trun gap like there was at St. Lambert.

One Company, One Rowboat

After Trun, the Argylls drove to the Seine and then to the Somme, which they crossed near Abbeville, pushing on to St. Omer and Bruges in Belgium. Then they fought on the canal at Moerbrugge, south-east of Bruges. Major Robert Mackenzie of Sarnia, took his company across the canal first, ferrying them over in relays in a single rowboat. The rest of the battalion also crossed in rowboats and when they started to clear the town, they found strong forces of the German 4th Division were holding it. It was this division which later fought for a month in the Scheldt pocket until it was wiped out.

No bridge could be erected and the Argylls were practically cut off from supplies. The shelling went on for 36 hours and Capt. William Findlay of Red Deer, Alta., the artillery representative who had been with the Argylls most of the time, said it was the heaviest he had seen.

Repulse Counter Attacks

The Germans counter-attacked at least four times in one day. Finally the Royal Canadian Engineers got a bridge over the canal and the South Alberta Regiment rumbled into Moerbrugge with its tanks. The two infantry units and the tanks then drove the enemy out of the town and back to the Leopold canal.

Later, after Eschen was captured, the Argylls were ordered to cross the canal north of Bergen. Major Gordon Armstrong of Barrie, personally carried out a night reconnaissance, swimming the icy waters of the canal to find out what the area on the other side was like. Then he and Capt. Pete McCordie, of Toronto led their companies over the canal and a firm bridgehead was established.

R.S.M. Great Character

The present company commanders are Maj. Gordon Armstrong, Barrie; Maj. Robert Paterson, Hamilton; Maj. Robert Mackenzie, Sarnia; and Maj. Rupert Fultz, Winnipeg. Second-in-command is Maj. Bill Stockloser, of Niagara Falls, is the adjutant and Lieut. Claude Bissel of Toronto, former lecturer at University College, is on battalion headquarters staff. Support company is led by Capt. Williams, Whiteside, Hamilton, and Capt. Geo. Mills, Toronto, has headquarters company. One of the great characters in the Argylls is R.S.M. Peter Calthness McGinlay, of Hamilton, a true Scot

who was born at Stirling Castle, the home depot of the British Argylls.

The company-sergeant-majors are Wilf Stone and Ivan Mills, both of Hamilton, Fred Wigmore and Harry Sharpe, both of Toronto.

The regimental-quartermaster-sergeant is Charles Fay of Hamilton. The regiment has its pipe band with it and pipe major is Frank Noble of Hamilton.—Toronto Star.

25 CASES OF LIQUOR STOLEN FROM STORE

Toronto police said they believed 25 cases of liquor stolen from the Deseronto Liquor Store at the weekend had been brought to Toronto. They found an abandoned car stolen from Belleville Saturday night and believed to have been used in the liquor theft. A number of labels removed from liquor bottles were found on the floor of the car.

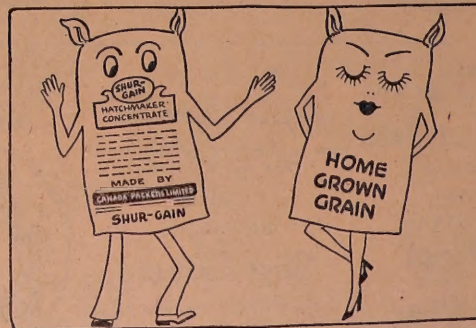
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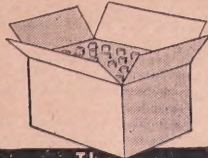
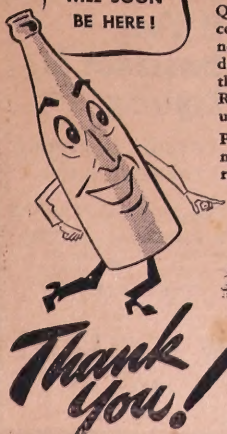
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**St. Andrew's
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Rev. W. H. V. Walker, Minister
Sunday, December 10th, 1944
11.00 a.m.—Sacrament of the Lord's
Supper.
8.00 p.m.—Friday—Preparatory
Service
3.00 p.m.—West Huntingdon.

Rawdon Circuit
Rev. T. F. Townsend, B.A., B.D.
Minister
Sunday, December 10th, 1944
11.30 a.m.—Wellman's.
3.00 p.m.—Bethel.
8.00 p.m.—Mount Pleasant.

St. Paul's United Church
Rev. David Gray, Minister in Charge
Sunday, December 10th, 1944
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
2.00 p.m.—Carmel Sunday School.
3.00 p.m.—Carmel Public Worship.

GRACE CHAPEL

Sunday, December 10th, 1944

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—The Lord's Supper.
Gospel Service—7.30 p.m.
Mr. Kirk continues a series on
"David the King."
This Sunday—"The Result of
the Battle"

late hour the guests departed home-
wards through the snowdrifts wishing
Earl all kinds of prosperity and hap-
piness in the Kingston District.

The address follows.—

Dear Earl,—

Your friends on the 4th Concession
could not let you leave our midst
without a social evening together,
hence we have gathered tonight in
your honour.

Almost six years ago, you came to
this district a stranger and we have
found you a good friend. We shall
miss your cheery smile and your cas-
ual visits to our homes.

This occasion brings back happy
memories of the evenings we spent
together practising the play in the
winter of 1942 which won the silver
trophies for Mt. Pleasant Young Peo-
ple's Union and we thank you most
heartily for your assistance.

We could not let you leave us to
take up residence elsewhere without
some tangible expression of our good
will and so we ask you to accept this
Travelling Kit, and as you use it may
your thoughts wander back to your
many friends on the 4th line.

We hope you will come back to
visit us quite often and you are assur-
ed of a hearty welcome at any time.

All of us gathered here tonight wish
for you, health, happiness and pros-

perity wherever you are and may the
morn of thy life be light and joyous.
The noontide peaceful and happy and
the sunset gloriously hopeful is the
wish of your friends.

Signed—

Florence M. MacMullen, George
Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Wrightman,
Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Potts and Mr.
and Mrs. Harry Brown attended a
special supper in honour of the dear
hunters on Tuesday evening at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Plum-
pton, Stockdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest White, Mrs.
Marguerite McMullen, Misses Grace
and Marie Stone were recent guests
of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sharp, Frank-
ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Spencer, enter-
tained Mr. and Mrs. F. Robb and Mrs.
Ducall, of the Radio Beam one day
during Mr. Robb's vacation.

On Monday evening several ladies
packed the bale for the Sunbeam Mis-
sion Band at the home of the leader,
Mrs. Cyrus Summers. It was valued
at fifty-one dollars and contained a
new quilt, 8 pairs hose and 12 pairs
of red knitted mitts, a lovely coat
and some used clothing, sixty-three
bags of pop corn, candy and hickory
nuts, a good collection of games, puzzles
and books. The bale was for-
warded to Miss Ruth Lanigan, Mis-
sionary at large in North Frontenac.

After packing the boxes, Mrs. Sum-
mers served sandwiches and cream
puddings which all thoroughly enjoyed.

Mrs. Frank Smith, Belleville, spent
a couple of days this week at Mount
Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Wrightman and
family were recent guests of Mr. and
Mrs. A. Farrar, Trenton.

Misses Doris and Muriel Sine spent
a day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Gar-
net Grills, Carmel.

A few ladies on the 4th line gathered
at the home of Mrs. Percy Mac-
Mullen on November 29th and quilted
a nice cloth quilt and this was
sent to a Missionary in the north as
a Christmas gift.

Winter arrived in all its fury on
November 30th, blocking roads every-
where for motor travel. Lumber
wagons carried the milk to Central
Cheese Factory Friday morning.

Autos were stuck in the drifts. Sever-
al folks received no mail on Friday,
or on Monday, December 4th. Of
course, all can't live on the highway,
but it's terribly inconvenient living on
the back concessions.

Mrs. Will Mackenzie and Hazel,
Burnbrae, spent a day recently with
the Spencer families.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thrasher, enter-
tained on November 30th, Mr. and
Mrs. Ross Hoard; Mr. and Mrs. John
Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jeffs;
Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Summers and
Mrs. Emma Summers.

Mrs. Blake Sharp spent last week
with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Rowe,
Sidney.

Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Potts and
David and Will Potts, spent Sunday
with Mr. and Mrs. Mac Remington,
Newburgh. Mrs. Will Potts accom-
panied them home.

Relatives and friends at Mount
Pleasant were very sorry to hear of
the death of Mr. James Thompson,
Burnbrae. Several from here attend-
ed the obsequies.

On Sunday afternoon at Mount
Pleasant, Mrs. T. F. Townsend told
of the recent Missionary Council at
Belleville, when Dr. John R. Mott was
guest speaker.

Miss Muriel Sine and Mr. Earl Rut-
tan were guests of Mr. and Mrs.
Percy MacMullen and Mrs. Sid De-
morest, on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Carleton Potts spent a few
days last week with her mother, Mrs.
B. C. Tucker, who is ill.

Mr. Harold Rowe has been engaged
as cheesemaker at Hoard's Factory.

The pastor and his wife have been
conducting a Bible Study Group at
the Allan School with a fair attend-
ance. The final session will be held
next week.

Over thirty from Mount Pleasant
attended the funeral of Mrs. Lorenzo
Loveless, on Tuesday of last week, at
the home of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Reid, John and
Gordon, were recent guests of Mr. and
Mrs. Wm. Harvie, Brighton.

Mrs. Irvin Potts, Stirling, was a
week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bur-
ton Sharp.

WELLMAN'S

Miss Fay Fanning, Mrs. Russell
Johnson and Miss Mabel Sharp, took
tea Wednesday evening with Mrs. P.
Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd King and
Yvonne, visited relatives at Belleville,
on Sunday.

Miss Mabel Sharp, spent Wednes-
day afternoon with Miss Bernice Dun-
ham.

Miss Fay Fleming, Miss Mabel
Sharp, and Miss June Dunham, took
tea Sunday evening with Miss Eleanor
Graham.

Miss Mina Dracup, spent a few days
last week at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. George Watson.

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Mr. Earl Ruttan has returned to his
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past five years with Mr. and Mrs. Wil-
fred Sine.

Mr. and Mrs. George Watson, Glen
and Craig, took tea Saturday evening
with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thrasher.

Miss Donna McGee spent a few days
with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.
Geo. McGee.

Miss Ana English, visited friends at
Wellman's over the week-end.

SPRINGBROOK

Mrs. Walter Heath and Mrs. Chas.
Gaunt, were dinner guests of Mrs.
Nathaniel Heath, Stirling, on Monday.

Mr. Charles Lough attended the
Cheesemaker's Convention held in
Belleville, on Monday.

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BURNBRAE

Mr. Ray Oddie returned to Lake-
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at the home of his parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Percy Oddie.
Mr. James Thompson passed away
in Toronto General Hospital, on Sat-
urday. The sympathy of the com-
munity is extended to the bereaved
family.

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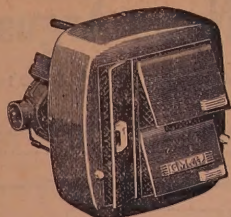
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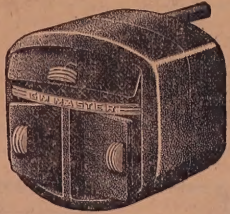
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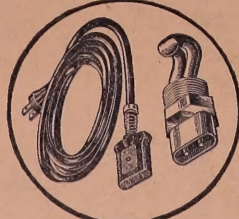
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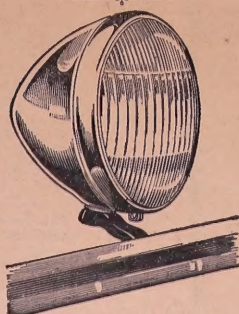
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Auction sale of farm, being E½ Lot 16, Con. 4, Rawdon, containing 100 acres, more or less. 15 acres ploughed, 10 acres sown to fall grain.

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On Saturday, Dec. 23rd, at 3 p.m. On this farm there is situated a 8-roomed residence; barn, machine shed, pig pen and garage, all in good condition, and good well. Property will be sold subject to reserve bid. Terms—10% day of sale, balance in thirty days. G. W. Arnott, Auctioneer Clarence Runnalls, executor of Elijah McMullen Estate. 13-3t

Auction Sale of business block, being the premises of the late Emma Sarles, E½ of lot 10 on the south side of Front St., formerly occupied by the late Jas. W. Sarles, will be held on the premises, Saturday, Dec. 23rd at 2 p.m. Terms—Sale subject to reserve bid. 10% day of sale, balance in 30 days. Geo. W. Arnott, Auct.; Carleton Wright, executor Emma Sarles Estate. 13-3t

Auction sale of property known as the Thomas Cain Estate, Lots 27 and 28, on the South side of Rear Street in the village of Stirling, on the premises, Saturday, December 30th, at 2 p.m. There is a good brick residence and small barn on the property. Terms—Sale subject to reserve bid; 10 per cent day of sale, balance in 30 days. G. W. Arnott, Auct., P. J. O'Neill, Marmora, executor. 14-3

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Andrew Kirk, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, Gentleman, Deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that all persons having claims against the Estate of Andrew Kirk, late of the Township of Rawdon in the County of Hastings, Gentleman, deceased, are hereby required to file proofs and particulars thereof with the undersigned Solicitor for Harold Caniff Martin, the Executor, on or before the 18th day of December, A.D. 1944, after which date the assets will be distributed to the parties entitled thereto having regard only for those claims of which notice has been received.

DATED at Stirling, Ontario this 28th day of November, A.D. 1944.

C. R. Bastedo, Stirling, Ont. Solicitor for the Executor

Revision of Voters' List

A Court of Revision for the Voters' List of the Municipality of Stirling, will be held in the

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EVERGREEN CHEESE CO.

The Annual Meeting of Evergreen Cheese Company will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at 10 a.m., for the transaction of general business and amending by-laws. Lunch served by the Red Cross at noon.

14-2t Philip Carr, President

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Frederick Templeton McGee, late of the Village of Stirling, in the County of Hastings, retired farmer, deceased, who died on or about the 4th day of August, A.D. 1944, are required to file proof of claim with the undersigned Solicitor for the Administrator of the said Estate on or before the 15th day of December, 1944, after which date the Administrator of the said Estate will proceed to distribute the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

DATED at Peterborough this 27th day of October, A.D. 1944.

JAMES FORDYCE STRICKLAND,
375 Water Street, 9-11-13
Administrator
Peterborough, Ontario
Solicitor for
CLARENCE WILLOUGHBY MCGEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Emma Sarles, late of the Village of Stirling in the County of Hastings, Married Woman, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that all persons having claims against the Estate of Emma Sarles, late of the Village of Stirling, in the County of Hastings, Married Woman, deceased, are hereby required to file proofs and particulars thereof with the undersigned Solicitor for Carleton Wright, the Executor on or before the 29th day of December, A.D. 1944 after which date the assets of the Estate will be distributed to the parties entitled thereto having regard only for those claims of which notice has been received.

DATED at Stirling, Ontario this 7th day of December, A.D. 1944.

C. R. Bastedo, Stirling, Ont.
14-3 Solicitor for the said Executor.

BONARLAW

The Euchre and pot-luck supper held on Wednesday evening of last week by the Y.P.S. of St. Mark's Church in the Parish Hall was a complete success. The prizes were won by Mrs. Geo. Williams and Mr. Chas. Gordenier. The proceedings were under the supervision of the President, Robert Cosbey and the Secretary, Miss Freida McLaren.

Those attending the Induction Service held in St. Paul's Church, Marmora, on Thursday night, included Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barlow, Mrs. A. V. Brown, Ronald Brown and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Baker from Bonarlaw.

O. Seamen Murray McInroy, of Toronto, visited his father, Wallace McInroy over the week-end.

BIRTHS

HEATH—At Stirling, on Tuesday, December 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Heath, a son.

DEATHS

MORRISON—At Bonarlaw, Rawdon Township, on Monday, December 4th, Mrs. Mabel (Spry) Morrison, wife of Mr. Allan Morrison, age 37 years. Interment in Mt. Nebo Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Allan Morrison and family, of Bonarlaw, wish to thank their friends and neighbours for their many acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy and floral tributes during their recent bereavement. 14-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who sent flowers, fruit and cards and also those who called during my stay in Belleville Hospital. 14-1tp

Roy Walker

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Peter McInroy and family wish to express their thanks and appreciation to their many friends and neighbours for their kindness during Mr. McInroy's illness also for expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes at the time of their sad bereavement. 14-1p

Motive power on Canadian farms costs a lot of money. The number of horses in Canada shown at the last census in 1941 was 2,789,391 valued at approximately \$185,000,000. The number of tractors was 158,944 which at a value of \$750 each would approximate \$120,000,000.

FEEDING FOR HATCHABILITY

The periods of early growth, egg production and breeding are the most exacting in the life of poultry insofar as nutrition is concerned. Of these, perhaps the most exacting is the breeding period. It is commonly considered that, if the poultry feed is of sufficient quality to produce a satisfactory number of eggs, it should also be suitable for the production of a large proportion of chicks from these eggs. This, however, is not the case, says H. S. Gutteridge, Poultry Division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Many good laying rations have proved unsatisfactory for the production of a large percentage of sound chicks. The whole reason for this is not known, but may be discovered by further research.

Manganese must be present in all satisfactory feeds. It is required for growth, egg production and hatchability. A deficiency of it reduces hatchability through the production of abnormal embryos which usually either die in the egg or, more rarely, live for only a short period after hatching. Some investigators have indicated that probably two to three times as much manganese is required for high hatchability as for satisfactory egg production. As many practical rations are known to be deficient or borderline in manganese, 1-4 lb. of manganese sulphate per ton of mash is usually added. Care in mixing is necessary. The chemical should be mixed thoroughly in a pall or similar container with a cupful of mash; this with a larger quantity, and so on until a sufficient quantity of premix is available to make thorough mixing with the whole quantity of mash possible. White Leghorns seem to require less manganese than heavy breeds for hatchability and other purposes.

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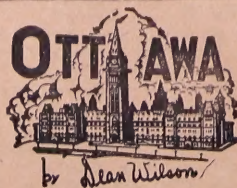
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Pte. Marion Phillips, Stirling.



Disintegration of Political Forces

As one of the important aftermaths of the last political crisis in the capital it is possible to uncover evidence more and more of a coming bad disintegration of old political forces representing the Province of Quebec. It is known in well-informed quarters along Parliament Hill that the latest utterances of two former Ministers, Hon. C. G. Power and Hon. P.J.A. Cardin, represented the backbone of public opinion in Quebec. Since the passing away of the Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, these two men were by far measure the real Quebec strong men in the King Cabinet. With their departure and the sad fate at the polls suffered by several members in the downfall of the Godbout Government, leaving only 57 members from Quebec in the present Parliament, there has been much widespread speculation because of the disintegration and breaking up of the old political forces into many small camps. There are now groups of various sorts, including followers of Hon. P. J. A. Cardin, four representatives of the Bloc Populaire under Maxime Raymond, Independent Group of Frederic Dorian and J. S. Roy, Canadian Party of Liguori Lacombe, and others. Moreover, adding to the general unprecedented political confusion, it is said that the former Mayor of this country's largest city, Camille Houde may enter the Federal field. In 1939, he was interned by the Federal Government because he had told the people of Canada's metropolis not to conform to National Registration requirements. As a result, he was interned for four years. Now, he has come forth as a candidate for the Mayoralty of Montreal and this is said to be a move towards Parliament Hill. All these signs point to real fireworks in the Federal political field, particularly from the old Province of Quebec.

Backstage Battle

Outwardly, the action of the former Minister of National Defence, Col. Ralston, in voting for the Government's motion of confidence, seems to have given his support to the King Government. However, there is now a striking belief backstage along Parliament Hill that this may be only the start of a very bitter feud between the former Minister and Premier King with these observers still taking seriously some of the rather cutting words used by the former Minister and talking in whispers that these may contain hints of what may be forthcoming in the near future. Indeed, they point out that for a relatively long time there had been odd stories or rumours along Parliament Hill about the existence of a vacancy in the Supreme Court of Canada and of the possibility that Col. Ralston might go to the Bench, though, they recall, that at the time of these rumours or stories he was one of the most active, capable and promising members of the King Cabinet, even being considerable by observers as a probable future Prime Minister. Therefore, some observers read between the lines of the latest words uttered by Col. Ralston as symptoms of deep-rooted bitterness between the Prime Minister and the former Minister.

Extremely Surprising

It is extremely surprising how many veterans of the present war have not yet made application for their war service gratuities which are payable under the War Service Act of 1944 on or after January 1st, 1945. It has been reported in Ottawa that only about 50,000 out of around 150,000 have made their applications so far and this has caused some surprise along Parliament Hill.

Important Report

The Minister of Justice, Hon. Louis St. Laurent, has revealed that no persons were detained from August 11 to November 22, 1944, and that no persons had declined to follow the advice of any advisory committee, with the information being given by the Minister under the provisions of paragraph 3 of regulation 21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations.

New Record

It is reported in Ottawa that the Minister of National Defence, Gen. McNaughton, has revealed that a record-breaking number of enlistments for active service was obtained in the previous week and that this was the biggest weekly figure since the historic D-Day on June 6. These enlistments reached a weekly total of 1869, including 866 from Home Defence troops, 113 from reserve forces, and 881 from the public, with a satisfactory proportion of French-Canadians in these enlistments.

THE MIXING BOWL

By ANNE ALLAN
Hydro Home Economist



By ANNE ALLAN

Hello, Homemakers! If there is one thing I enjoy it's going to the market on Saturday morning, where one can wander around and search out the choice offerings which the farmer has brought in from the country and arranged in colorful clusters, where we can pick and choose whatever suits our fancy, and our pocketbooks.

At present, the stalls are filled to overflowing with that old favourite, the cabbage family, which includes everything from the snowy white head of cauliflower, broccoli, sprouts, curly savoy, to the big, firm purple and white drum heads which supply the main ingredient for the kraut crock and the winter salad bowl. There's always an abundance of bright green parsley, dark red beets and big bunches of long Chinese cabbage, and bags of potatoes.

It is also interesting to see how many men are now going about with shopping lists, cautiously investigating each purchase they are making for the homemaker. Then there are the youngsters trailing their wagons with an air of independence and carrying the family shopping list to the market vendors. To show how much she appreciates this friendly shopping assistance, the homemaker might plan to make a few special goodies ahead of the holiday. Cookies are a universal favourite, so here are a few recipes along with other Christmas suggestions.

Christmas Cookies

1 cup molasses, 5-8 cup brown sugar, 1 1/4 cup shortening, 2 unbeaten eggs, 2 tsp. ground cloves, 1 tsp. chopped orange peel, 7 cups flour, 2 tps. soda, 2 tps. warm water.

Heat molasses and add sugar. When sugar is dissolved and mixture is still warm, stir in shortening, unbeaten eggs, cloves and peel. Pour into mixing bowl and stir till well blended. Add 4 cups flour. Dissolve the soda in the water and add. Work in rest of flour except 1-2 cup reserved for flouring board. Chill dough in electric refrigerator and roll out about 1/8 inch thick. Use fancy shapes for cutting if you have such. Bake on greased cookie sheet in hot oven for 5 minutes. This makes about 100.

Shortbread Cookies

1/2 pound butter, 1/2 cup fruit sugar or rolled granulated sugar, 2 cups sifted rice flour.
Cream butter and gradually blend in your choice of sugar; cream very well. Add the flour, a third at a time, and combine very well after each addition—if flour becomes difficult to

Story of Resignation

There is a story in the nation's capital that the recent resignation of Brig. James Mess, as deputy adjutant-general in charge of recruiting was due to disagreement with the Defence Minister, General McNaughton, over policy, though there was no official explanation at the time when this announcement of resignation was made in Ottawa.

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LOVE AT FIRST FLIGHT

By CHARLES SPALDING and OTIS CARNEY

CHAPTER II

Barred from the Navy's V-7 program because he lacked two years of college math, Lester Dowd tries to enlist in the Coast Guard but is turned down because of a facial squint. The doctor refuses even to examine him. Commander Whitman, an old friend of the family, endeavors to get a waiver for Lester so he can join V-7, but after weeks of waiting Lester learns they still insist on two years of college math.

"Men needed for lighter than air," the poster read.
I told Jumbo Russell about the opportunity.

"What are you going into?" he puzzled.

"Lighter than air," I said.
He began to laugh, softly at first, and then in uncontrollable fits.

"Lighter than air?" he gasped. "Oh, lighter than air!" He rolled his voice over the phrase. "Wait until Jimmy hears you've joined lighter than air."

On the way to the seventh floor of the old Post Office Building, the words repeated themselves over and over in my mind.

"Lighter than air, lighter than air, brighter as a feather and lighter than air."

Certainly the grim ring of the Tank Corps was not there. Next to the Marines it seemed all of elves and dewy meadows in the morning sun.
"What did you do in the last war?" someone was bound to ask.

"I was in lighter than air," I should have to reply.

I winced. But beggars cannot be choosers.

I met the requirements and passed the exam. Afterward I watched an officer write on my jacket, "V-5, lighter than air."

"Isn't that V-5 the Naval Aviation designation?" I asked.

"Same exam exactly," he smiled. "Want to switch?"

"Why, sure, I said dreamily, 'but I haven't had two years of college math.' Naval Aviation takes only the cream of the cream."

"That doesn't matter to us," and he took an eraser and rubbed out "lighter than air."

"Now you're a naval aviator. We'll call you in about two months. Glad to have you aboard, Dowd." He offered his hand.

"Thank you, sir." My voice was a little weak. I felt as though I had just come out of ether. "Glad to be aboard, sir," I said, preparing to leave. From the very beginning my preference was for Naval Aviation, a sentiment that cannot logically be explained.

The Anacostia Naval Base is delightfully situated between the Potomac River and a mental hospital (the Capitol is to the west), and in my day we graduated some men both to right and left. It is an area that seethes with discontent. Nobody in the hospital was quite satisfied, and it is perfectly true that one night two members shook their bounds and tried to join the V-5 by scaling the fence. Later one of our inmates snapped under the strain of an aviator's routine and he traded over to the hospital. Each institution had one member jump in to the river. And then, as if to prove that Nature is not the dull uncompensating thing you might think, the Patomac overflowed. This bickering back and forth went on most of the summer as everyone tried to find his proper niche.

The entrance gate had the same come-lither appeal as the jaws of Death. I passed through early in the morning and was soon aware that the management was living up to its reputation.

"You'll be sorry," chanted the guard.

A handful of fellow birdmen piled into a station wagon and we were off to see our skipper. The atmosphere in the back seat had that strained intimacy of a crowded elevator.

Finally, a burly boy broke the ice by grunting, "Joe Foster, V.M.I. half-back. Champions in '39."

"Oh, yeah?" murmured the rest in friendly recognition.

"Tim Carpenter, Virginia Wesleyan, guard. All-State last two years," volunteered another.

"Oh, sure. Oh, yeah," chorused the others as they moved slowly into the warm, sunny light of familiarity. I decided they either all belonged to some national underground society, or that a radio program had welded them into a hitherto inarticulate bondage, for now they were all chattering in the code.

Time was just about to force my hand and I was on the verge of announcing myself, "Lester Dowd, Mill Creek Hunt Club, Assistant M. P. H. without one bad fall at Rolling Rock,"

when the machine stopped in front of a bleak administration building. We were led into a room and addressed by the officer in charge of cadets, a salty tar with ten years' service on the good ship Proctor and Gamble and two months at Quonset.

"Glad to have you men aboard," he started in a cold, clammy, institutional tone. Before I could wipe the brine out of my eye, he went on transforming things into a nautical world of decks, ladders, topsides, and bulkheads.

"Men, we're in the Navy now," he announced, as if the audience were blindfolded and being led through the palace, "We're in a war. We're going to forget all that bunkaroo we learned in college"—he grinned to show how easy the process had been for him. Tilting his head back and placing both hands in his side pockets, he looked far over everybody's head at something that inferentially lay well beyond normal vision and in mystical cadences said:

"Men, it's a grand old flag."

Tim Carpenter, Virginia Wesleyan All-State last two years, shifted nervously.

"Jeez," he muttered.

"Remember, men we're all in this thing together," the Commander finished, and swept into his office.

"Jeez," muttered Carpenter again.

I suppose this was the same sort of welcome the incoming class of Aged and Retired Railroad Engineers received. I wished to God I were back on old 97.

A seaman suspected of having unusual qualities of leadership was attached to our group and given a chance to prove himself. He commanded us to silence, lined us up, and marched us off to sick bay, trotting along beside like a Seelye Eye dog. He regarded the new men in the fine traditional way and kept up a fire of chatter as we went.

"Cream of da nation's yout," huh!—it certainly soured . . . Goin' to be de Navy's air ahm—so da Navy's got a fractured ahm." This rich flow of Americana ceased only when we reached the infirmary.

"O. K., Doc, pickle 'em"—he turned us over for inoculations and the routine physical check-up. The head of the medical department supervised these operations from behind a well-thumbed copy of "Superman." The skilled surgery itself was delegated to subordinates who managed the dart work well enough, but it was plain there was no Cushing in the lot.

"Ready," I heard the attendant say to the candidate in front of me. He gave the bulging vein a sporting chance before lunging on the target. When he took the offensive again, it was my turn.

He rearmend and came at me.

"Couldn't you slip up quietly from the side?" I suggested. These repeated frontal attacks were wearing me down.

On my way to the eye, ear, nose, and throat booth, I was intercepted by a kindly-looking, portly medic who asked if I was Dowd.

"Yes, sir."

"What's this about a backward niece?" He pointed to my record.

During the early days of induction I had filled in a blank that searched into the activities of the summer vacations. In order to impress the selection board with the fact that I didn't fritter my days away in a sailboat like some people I knew, I volunteered the fateful information that the holidays afforded me a chance to teach basket weaving at Hull House and tutor an imaginary "backward niece" in Spanish.

"Any insanity in the family, son?" he asked gently.

"No, sir," I explained. "She wasn't exactly queer, you see. She just grew too fast for her age—awfully big through the hips—and her mind hadn't caught up to her waist." I put it delicately for both parties.

"It's nothing to be ashamed of, son"—he pressed my arm understandingly—"only if there's a nut in the family we gotta know."

"She wasn't a nut! She passed the exam!" I cried, hoping her achievement would take the strain off each of us.

The doctor went into a huddle with one of the others, convinced it was a borderline case at best. I was cursing myself for not having followed the best policy and checked back to see if there wasn't an odd one or two among the relations, when he approached, unseen, from the rear.

"Say 'thirty-two,'" he snapped. My tongue felt like a bath towel, but I did the best I could with a tough assignment.

"All right," he said begrudgingly, still not convinced that the stock was of good stuff. I moved off relieved,

but certain that I had been marked down for close observation and well aware that any waving of handkerchiefs or dancing in the hallways would make things pretty hard on Lester Dowd.

For three hours the examinees went up and down my body as if it were the Atlantic City board walk. I made a bid for recognition in the dentist's chair. For some biochemical reason I had never had a cavity, and this scientific fourleaf clover sent the department into a tizzy. Each intern had to climb in and see for himself.

"This doesn't happen every day," one of them told me when he reappeared.

"Some mouth!" observed the chief of staff, a little more self-contained than the younger man. "You must have gotten a lot of calcium at home." "Mother calls me Chalky," I told him.

After being pronounced fit and expendable, we were given time to make up the bunks and prepare for inspection. The Navy, it developed, "gives time" away as if it were rum, and when you get a little chunk you are to make the most of it. I hauled out the instructions dealing with the bedding. Stated in icy precise terms the manifesto declared, "Sheets will be drawn taut, tucked in and folded back six inches from head of bunk."

"Yah, Meester Lestair, you weel keep your rum neat, yah?" a little voice cried through the cosmos.

On the surface it would seem that any normal mentality could draw taut, tuck, and measure off six inches from head of bunk. But unmentioned and unnoticed lay an adder in the bedclothes, the deadly Navy Corner. This maneuver required that you unnap the corner, make a series of Gray Lady passes at the linen, and finish with neat, trim results. The novice found himself enmeshed either in the springs or with something that looked like a ball of yarn. If all was not according to Edith Cavell, later in the day the inspecting officer walked by, noticed the travesty, screamed like a jungle creature, and for some savage reason tore the entire thing up.

At first, I thought I was simply the victim of hallowed custom and accepted the hazing with a broad grin to my fellows. But day after day my bunk looked as if demons had held a cotillion in it, while the others went unscathed. I went down to the officer to get to the bottom of things. Either it was tradition or it was sabotage.

He looked through impressively files and said seriously, "Dowd, the Navy Corner seems to have you buffaloed."

"Yes, sir." "Buffaloed" wasn't the word.

"What's the matter, Dowd?" He wanted to understand the inner man.

"Anything worrying you?"

"No, sir."

"Some get it with no trouble at all," he mused. "Others take more time." Before falling to the rear with the rest of the morons, I requested, "Sir, if someone would show me the Navy Corner instead of dismantling the bunk daily, perhaps this chamber mystery would clear up."

"Not at all, not at all!"—he dismissed the suggestion airily. "You stick to it, Dowd. You'll get it, boy. School of Hard Knocks, that's what it is, School of Hard Knocks."

I'd had enough of that dull overrated curriculum, and finally learned the easy way from my bunkie, Red Run, who explained embarrassedly that he knew a nurse in Clarksburg.

(To Be Continued)

Questions and Answers

This column is sponsored by the Regional Office, Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Questions on price control rulings should be mailed to the Information Branch, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Victoria Buildings, Brockville, Ont.

Q. When will sugar coupons 48 and 49 become valid?

A. Sugar coupons 48 and 49 become valid December 31.

Q. What is the trucking order concerning Christmas trees?

A. The WPTB has issued an order that permits will not be granted for transportation of Christmas trees beyond a limit of 35 miles.

Q. When will the butter coupons in ration book five become valid?

A. Coupons 90 and 91 in ration book 5 become valid December 28.

Q. Will you please tell me just who are entitled to apply for ammunition?

A. Farmers are the only people who may apply for ammunition.



FOR THE FORCES

Supplying Canadian news and entertainment to the Dominion's troops overseas is one of the current responsibilities of CBC's rambling reporter,

Gerry Wilmut, who is attached to the London office of the CBC Overseas Unit.

Q. Are canning sugar coupons still valid?

A. Yes, the first ten F coupons for canning sugar in ration book 3 are still valid but only until December 31.

Q. Is there a regulation concerning part payment plans on fur-coat repairs?

A. No, there is no longer a WPTB regulation against this procedure and providing the furrier is willing part payment plans are in order.

Q. Will there be more tinned salmon in the stores in the coming year than previously?

A. Although the B.C. salmon pack is slightly smaller this year than last, more canned salmon is to be available for civilian consumption, but it will be some weeks before the new pack will make its appearance in the stores.

EGGS FOR THE HATCHERYMAN

A few years ago, practically all poultry flock replacements were made with chicks hatched on the farm—either under the hen or through the use of small incubators. Within a period of ten or fifteen years this practice has changed and at present a considerable part of these replace-

ments are made through the purchase of millions of day-old chicks from large commercial hatcheries. Operators of these hatcheries, as a consequence, are in the market for huge numbers of eggs suitable for hatching, and a profitable outlet for eggs is made available to the flock owner.

Eggs for hatching, command a premium in price over those sold for eating but must meet certain requirements before such premium is paid.

The objective of the hatcheryman

is to produce a strong, healthy chick from each egg set. Proper feeding of the breeder flock and careful handling of the eggs will aid materially in its attainment.

The flock should be shifted over to a good hatching ration at least three weeks prior to saving the first eggs to be used for incubation. These rations are high in riboflavin content, necessary to high hatchability.

Eggs should be stored in a clean, cool, well ventilated cellar and not held more than seven days. If held longer, hatchability is likely to be reduced. An even temperature of about 50 degrees F. is best.

Eggs should be selected for uniformity in shape and size and for shell texture and color.

Odd shaped, misshapen and very large eggs or those showing any sign of containing more than one yolk should be discarded.

Selection for egg size will not only influence egg size in the progeny, but makes for greater uniformity in the chicks. Hatching eggs should run 24 ounces and preferably 25 ounces to the dozen with no egg going below two ounces.

As dirty shells are undesirable prevent the production of these as far as possible, for cleaning, and particularly washing, is likely to affect the hatchability adversely.

Before shipping to the hatcheryman or placing in the incubator check all eggs for cracks as it is improbable that a cracked egg will hatch.

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ST. PAUL'S W. A.

The December meeting of St. Paul's Women's Association was held at the home of Mrs. C. I. Hutton on Tuesday afternoon, December 5th, with a splendid attendance. The splendid program centred around the story of the Nativity. The beauty of the Christmas season, and its thrill which one never outgrows was again experienced as all joined in singing heartily the Christmas hymns, and

entered into the spirit of the Christmas atmosphere. The President, Mrs. J. L. Good, directed the devotional period, and business portion of the meeting. The meeting opened with the singing of the Theme song, prayer by the President, and the Lord's Prayer in unison. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary, along with all communications received during the month, also reported eleven cards and one letter

sent in November. Mrs. J. L. Good and Mrs. Nora Westcott, reporting for the visiting committee, reported eighteen calls made during the month of November. All members of the W. A. will act as the visiting committee for December. During the business portion of the meeting a motion was put forth by the members to continue the sending of Christmas cards to shut-ins, and all the elderly members of the congregation. The Jan-

uary meeting will be held on Tuesday January 9th, at the home of Miss Della Caldwell. A communication from The Robin Hood Flour Mills, Limited, was read by the President, and the W. A. voted to have Mrs. Ballantyne visit our association early in the Spring, and give her address on the outstanding subjects. "Kitchens of Tomorrow." The financial report was presented by the Treasurer, Mrs. O. Stapley. The remaining portion of the programme was directed by the convenor of the committee, Mrs. George Megginson. After the singing of the Christmas hymn, number 59, Mrs. Carleton Wright read the Scripture Lesson, "The Advent Story" as reported by St. Luke. Mrs. G. Bradshaw read the "Meditation" comments based on The Scripture Lesson read—followed with prayer by Mrs. J. B. Thompson. Mrs. Gordon Bailey read a splendid article, entitled, "Christmas in the Holy Land." Mrs. P. V. Helliwell left a stirring message of real interest, with her listeners basing her thoughts on the text, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life." The speaker dealt very capably with the subject of "Love," stressing Love at its highest source, Love at its greatest strength, to behold Love in its widest scope, Love making His mightiest sacrifice. The wonderful Love of God, evident in Jesus Christ on the cross.

Mrs. Maurice Bell gave a very interesting reading relating the story connected with the origin of the composing of The Christmas Hymn, "Silent night, Holy Night." The meeting closed with the singing of this hymn, number 53, the National Anthem, and the Mizpah Benediction. A very dainty luncheon was served by the committee in charge. The sincere thanks to the hostess, Mrs. C. I. Hutton, all who took part on the program, and the entire committee in charge was voiced by Mrs. O. Stapley. The following ladies were responsible for this excellent Christmas program and lunch, Mrs. George Megginson, Mrs. Carleton Wright, Mrs. Wm. West, Mrs. J. B. Thompson, Mrs. Gordon Bailey, Mrs. J. O. Nell, Mrs. G. Bradshaw, Mrs. M. Bell, Mrs. Don Tucker, Mrs. S. A. Hutton.

Entered Into Rest

MRS. ALLAN MORRISON

The death of a highly esteemed resident of Bonarlaw district, in the person of Mrs. Allan Morrison, took place at her home, 14th Concession of Rawdon, on Monday, Dec. 4th, following a week's illness.

The late Mrs. Morrison was born thirty-seven years ago in Rawdon Township and prior to her marriage she was Miss Mabel Spry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Spry. Her father died some years ago. All her life was passed in the district where she was born and in the community she was held in high regard. To many friends her death has brought much regret. In religion Mrs. Morrison was a member of the United Church at Springbrook.

Surviving her are her husband, Mr. Allan Morrison; her mother, Mrs. Bradford Spry; two daughters, Mrs. Roy Willman, Bonarlaw, and Miss Vera Morrison, at home; one sister, Mrs. John Morrison, Rawdon Township.

The funeral took place from her late residence on Wednesday, Dec. 6th, to Springbrook United Church, where service was conducted by Rev. J. R. Holden, at 2:30 p.m.

Interment in Mt. Nebo Cemetery.

THE LATE JAMES O. THOMPSON

The funeral services for the late James Oddie Thompson were conducted at his late residence, Menie, on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. John R. Bick, assisted by Rev. Donald McKay.

Mr. Thompson had been in the Toronto General Hospital for a serious operation during which he passed away.

Deceased was born at Menie almost thirty-three years ago, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, of Burnbrae, who along with his wife, formerly Ruth Gibson, two children, Marilyn and David, and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Brady, survive.

Mr. Thompson is widely mourned. He was a faithful member of Hoads United Church, having served as superintendent of the Sunday School and in other offices of that organization. He also served his community on the Trustee Board of Burnbrae school. A home-loving man, Mr. Thompson earned the regard of a host of friends and acquaintances by his quiet devotion to his family and his fellow man.

The funeral service was very largely attended and a vast array of flowers gave evidence of the regard of all. The pallbearers were Messrs. Cliff Barragar, of Belleville, Harold Wells, Stirling, Frank Hoagie, George Air-

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hart, Charles Hoard and Frank Little, and the flower-bearers were Messrs. William Hume, William McCrory, Mitchell Rennie, Craig Nelson, Wilbert Whitton, Oliver Willis, Albert Jones, Ernest Eagleson, Jack Billen, Bert Taylor, Ken Oddie, Stewart Milne, Harold Parr, Art Kipling. Interment was made in Burnbrae cemetery.

HASTINGS DEANERY CHAPTER MEETS

The annual Fall meeting of the chapter of Hastings Deanery took place in Madoc on Tuesday, Nov. 28. The Rev. C. Brazill, of Stirling was celebrant at the service of Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m., held in St. John's Church. Mr. Brazill was assisted by Reverends A. E. Redding of Bannockburn and F. C. Beazer of Rosalia. Following the service the Rev. J. M. Brownlie, rector of Marmora, presented a stimulating paper on Preaching. The local ladies Guild served dinner in the church club room.

The afternoon session was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Robinson, Rural Dean. Many matters vital to the church, including Christian Stewardship, Sunday School and A.Y.P.A. work were extensively discussed. The Reverends K. Blachford and J. M. Brownlie were welcomed into the deanery. The meeting closed with the service of even-song conducted by the Rev. K. Blachford, vicar of Trenton.

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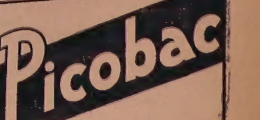
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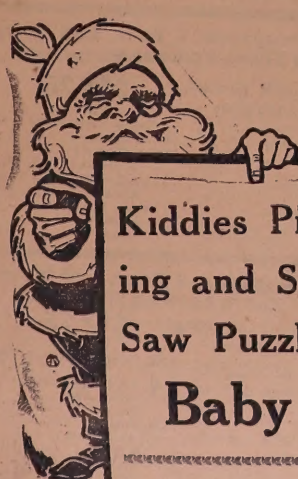
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Edmonton's Oldest Twin From Here

Henry Hagerman Hale And Hearty At 88 — Visited Relatives Here 4 Years Ago

Most adults would just as soon ignore their birthdays, even if it means no candle-lit cake or congratulations. But to 88-year-old Henry Hagerman, Edmonton's oldest twin, each birthday is a cause for jubilation as it brings one step closer to his goal of 100 years.

Mr. Hagerman is not only Edmonton's oldest twin; he is possibly the oldest twin in the world. At least he and his brother, William, of Stirling, Ont., long ago smashed the record of William and John Cox, 81-year-old twins of England, who claim to be the world's oldest twins.

Stocky, white-moustached, Mr. Hagerman attributes his long life to three things; he worked hard, ate plenty of good food and grew up on a farm. Perhaps the fact his United Empire Loyalist ancestors were long-lived is another contributing factor.

Whatever the reason he and his twin brother enjoy robust good health though well past three score and ten. Brother in Ontario

The Hagerman brothers were born on a farm near Stirling, Ont., on May 18, 1857. William, a retired farmer, resides there.

In 1906, Henry Hagerman came to Edmonton and took a job with the city engineer's department, working on road and street maintenance. He was employed by this department until superannuated about 10 years ago. His wife died in 1931.

He has centred his interests around his family of five children, 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. His chief interests now are tending the vegetable garden and looking after the chickens on the farm of his daughter, Evelyn (Mrs. Edward Baker) at Westlock. In the city now until spring, he is staying with another daughter, Hazel (Mrs. E. J. Smith), 11235, 71st.

Other Children
Mr. Hagerman's other children are: Mabel, (Mrs. Edwin Reid) and Edith, (Mrs. Arthur Forrest) both of Seattle; and Roy, with the Canadian army in Italy. Roy has been overseas four years.

Mrs. Smith described her father as "heartily despite his years and interested in everything that goes on." He has only one small "vice" she says—chewing tobacco.

Mr. Hagerman keeps in constant touch with his brother and four years ago went east to visit him.

"They had a grand time reminiscing," Mrs. Smith said.—Edmonton Journal.

About People

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Grills and George, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Woods, spent a day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Burness Demorest.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baker were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Duffin, Madoc, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burness Demorest and Adrian visited relatives in Marmora and Wooler and Frankford, recently.

Miss Catherine Wright, of Toronto, spent last week-end at her home here.

Norman Murray, RCNVR, is spending a furlough at his home here.

Miss Rena McKeown and Mrs. G. J. Hewle, of Peterboro, were week-end guests of Mrs. T. McKeown.

Mrs. H. Reddick, of Regina, is a guest this week of Mrs. B. Stiles.

Bill Hay, of Campbellford, was a week-end guest of his sister, Mrs. Wallace Stapley and Mr. Stapley.

Mrs. George Simmons, of Toronto, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Robt. Christie.

O/S Kennard Baker, of H.M.C.S. "Protector", Sydney, N.S., was a guest of his brother, C. A. Baker, and Mrs. Baker, this week.

Miss Dicia Scrimshaw, of Rednersville, was a week-end guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stapley.

Friends of Mrs. Arthur Andrews, who is staying in Aylmer, Ont., at the home of her brother, Mr. H. M. Eggleton, will be glad to know that she is much improved in health.

Milk Report

A report received from the Department of Health on the milk supply of Stirling Dairy is as follows: B. Coll Count, 0; Standard Plate Count, 2,000; Per cent Butter Fat, 3.3; Result of Phosphatase Test, "A"

Resigned As Manager

At a meeting of the directors of the Stirling Arena Company held on Monday night, R. W. Meiklejohn, manager of the arena for the past twenty years, tendered his resignation. Mr. Earl Luery was appointed to fill the position.

Exams Delayed

Storm conditions interfered with the holding of the annual term examinations at the local High School. Due to blocked roads the pupils from the rural areas were unable to attend, with the result that exams have been postponed until next week. The term report will not be published until after the New Year.

Bethel W.A.

The Woman's Association of the Bethel United Church met on Thursday, Dec. 7th, at the home of Mrs. T. Leacock, with a splendid attendance. Mrs. Don Heath presided, opening with the singing of the much loved Christmas Carol, "Silent Night," and giving thoughts regarding Yuletide customs. Then all sang, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and joined in the Lord's Prayer.

During the business period it was decided to send fruit to Mrs. B. C. Tucker, who is ill, and a letter to Mrs. John Morrison, who is bereaved in the loss of a sister. It was decided to make a charge of \$1.25 for quilting of a plain quilt and \$2.00 for more fancy quilts, with the charge of 25c extra for binding.

Mrs. Edgar McKeown was warmly welcomed as a new member. \$25.00 was voted to the missionary fund of the church, the motion having been made by Mrs. Shortt and seconded by Mrs. James Warren.

The play, "Too Many Relatives", which is being prepared will be presented in January. On motion put by Mrs. T. McMullen and seconded by Mrs. H. Elliott, plans were made for a pie social in connection with the play. On motion by Mrs. C. Dracup and Mrs. R. Shortt, the admission was put at 50c for adults and 25c for children. Mesdames Warren, Welbourn, Martin and Elliott to have charge of canvassing for pies for social.

Mrs. T. McMullen offered to open her home for a quilting in January. The regular January meeting to be in co-operation with the annual congregational meeting when a supper would be served.

It was moved by Mrs. Jas. Warren and seconded by Mrs. McMullen that the present executive members remain in office for 1945. This was heartily endorsed. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. S. Elliott.

A reading "Old Friends", was given by Miss Gertrude McMullen. The "Travelling Apron" revealed \$115.40 under the patches which were removed by Mrs. Warren and Mrs. McMullen. The apron became the property of Mrs. C. U. Heath under whose patch was found the largest contribution.

The Christmas message was presented in a candle lighting ceremony led by Mrs. T. F. Townsend. These Friendship candles were lit by Mrs. Leacock, Mrs. K. Hagerman, Mrs. Shortt, Mrs. W. Heath, Mrs. H. Elliott, each one representing the fellow Christians of the lands from which our Christmas Carols come. In this impressive ceremony a solo was given by Mrs. H. Elliott and several Carols sung by the group in the candle-lit room.

Following this ceremony the President led in Part III on the subject, "Love came down at Christmas Time". Parts were taken by Mrs. C. Dracup, Mrs. Brady and Miss G. McMullen.

After the service an interesting contest was led by Mrs. Elliott and dainty refreshments were served. All joined in a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Leacock.

Local Girl Safe At Bordeaux, France

Letter From Mrs. J. Villette Tells of Living Conditions in Liberated France

Word was received recently by Mrs. Alger from her son-in-law, John D. Villette, of Sales, Gironde, France, that he and all his family are now living in Bordeaux and all are in good health.

As regular mail service had not yet been established in that part of France any mail sent out had been posted in England and Africa or through the courtesy of American Army Officers.

In a letter from Mrs. Villette, dated October 1st, it was stated that before the evacuation the Germans had blown up the highways and nearly all the bridges had been demolished. The airfields also had been destroyed, consequently transportation was very difficult. There was no gas and it was impossible to get new bicycles. Mail was not passing even to Paris and there was no direct service anywhere yet except to the colonies. Food was getting more plentiful, although still very expensive and the bread was much improved although not yet white. The following list of food prices, figuring 2c to the Franc, which is the present value, was enclosed,—

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| Cabbage, per head | 1.50 |
| Carrots, a bunch | 1.00 |
| Peaches, Lb. | 1.00 |
| Meat, Lb. | 2.00 |
| Sugar, Lb. | 4.00 |
| Honey, Lb. | 2.50 |
| Butter, Lb. | 6.25 |
| Leg of Lamb | 14.75 |
| Pig, Nov. 43 | 325.00 |
| 3 Geese | 68.50 |
| Soles, for 1-2 doz. | 5.00 |
| Cigarettes pkg. | 2.00 |

Severe Storm Hits District

This village and district is digging itself out after one of the worst December snow storms in the memory of many of the oldest inhabitants. Starting Monday afternoon, snow, driven by a strong wind, fell throughout the night until Tuesday afternoon, and highways leading out of the village and side roads were blocked for motor traffic.

The Provincial snowplow operated in this district by B. Bateman broke down Tuesday morning at Ross' Corners, between Foxboro and Belleville, and Highway No. 14 from Stirling south to Belleville has not yet been plowed. Highway No. 33 from Trenton to Stirling and No. 14 north to Marmora was opened Wednesday afternoon by a government plow from Cobourg. The county road from West Huntingdon to Hord's was also opened yesterday.

Bus services from Trenton and Belleville were suspended and rural mail couriers were unable to make their rounds. Attendance at the local High School was cut about fifty per cent.

In the village the streets were piled high with snow and cars were marooned in all sections. The work of removing the snow from the main business section began yesterday morning and is still going on. Several trucks were enlisted to help with this work and every available man old and young, was given a job shovelling. D. Stapley, who plows the village streets, has been unable to reach town

Couple Honoured By Community

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rowe Presented With Furniture By Hoard's Factory Patrons

The patrons of Hoard's Cheese and Butter Manufacturing plant gathered at Mt. Pleasant Church Hall, on Wednesday evening and tendered Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rowe and children a farewell party before their departure to Warkworth, where Doug. has purchased a cheese factory.

Doug. has served as cheesemaker at Hoard's factory for the past eight years and he has turned out a large number of excellent cheese during that period and he is well known in the near-by community, where he has been engaged in the cheese industry. Over one hundred were in attendance which included guests from the Stirling Cheese Factory on the fourth line; Central Cheese factory and Menie Cheese factory communities.

The president of Hoard's Factory, Mr. Chas. Hoard was chairman for the occasion and spoke briefly paying tribute to Doug's personality and ability as a cheesemaker. The pupils of the Masson school at Hoards contributed a chorus with their teacher, Mrs. Frank Potts, as pianist. Miss Florence Rennie rendered a solo; a vocal duet was given by Miss Donna Sharp and her brother, Aubrey. Mrs. Percy MacMullen gave a humorous number with local hits. Master Nell Hubble sang a selection and Mrs. Percy Hubble led in a round of community singing.

Doug and Emma and children were given seats of honour at the front of the hall and Mr. Hector Whitton read an address of appreciation which was signed by Ross Anderson, Hector Whitton, Leo Fry, and Oscar Merrick.

Mr. Merrick made the presentation of two upholstered chairs, the arm chair in green brocade and the rocker upholstered in maroon. Miss Carol Rowe was presented with a plastic tea set and baby Robert a warm kimona.

Doug. and Emma thanked their friends for the lovely gifts.

Brief addresses were given by Messrs Ray Williams, Will Potts, Frank Heagle, the past president, Earl McAdam; Vernon Spencer, cheesemaker at Menie and Maurice Rose, cheesemaker at Central.

They spoke with pride on Doug's high scoring cheese, and his success in heading the list of prizes at cheese exhibitions and local fairs.

The Hoard folks served a delectable lunch and all departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Rowe every success at Warkworth.

Butter Ration To Be Cut

The Prices Board announced Monday that the butter ration is being reduced from seven ounces a week to about six ounces a person a week on Jan. 1, 1945.

The Board said the step is being taken to adjust consumption to supplies during the winter months of low production.

The reduction will be made effective by making butter ration coupons valid one at a time instead of in pairs and by having three of these coupons become good each month instead of four.

from his home at Madoc Junction and the grader hitched behind a tractor was used to open up a number of the streets.

Inspector Here

A. W. McGuire, Inspector of Public Schools, made his official inspection of Stirling Public Schools, on Thursday and Friday last. While his report has not yet been received by officials of the Board of Education, it is understood that he found everything in order.

Services Appreciated

In appreciation of his work in connection with the Seventh Victory Loan, Mr. Harry Francis, chairman of the local committee was recently presented with a 20MM blank shell, on which his name was suitably engraved, and a wooden holder. The donors were Messrs. F. C. Woolly, D. R. Lee, E. F. C. Kinnear and D. L. Mitchell, organizers of the Hastings County Loan Committee.

DRUGGIST DIES

J. Ernest Birks well-known Campbellford druggist died suddenly early Tuesday. He was a member of Ionic Chapter R.A.M. and was a native of Trenton. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Lily E. Deviney, of Toronto.

Teacher Undergoes Operation

Mrs. Glenn Heath, teacher at the local public school was taken to General Hospital, Belleville, on Thursday last and on Friday underwent an appendix operation. Her many friends will be pleased to learn that she is doing as well as can be expected.

Mrs. J. L. Good is supplying at the school during her absence.

BUYS TWO NEW SNOW PLOWS

At a special meeting of the Campbellford Council it was decided to buy two new snowploughs. These ploughs will be used for sidewalks and property owners will be pleased to know that the municipality has assured the responsibility of keeping the sidewalks clear of snow. There will be one for each side of the river, and Allan Johnston will be in charge.

Thos. R. Shaw, Native Of Stirling, Dies

Word was received by relatives here on Wednesday of the passing of Thos. R. Shaw at his home in Kapuskasing, Ont., following an illness of several months duration.

The late Mr. Shaw was born in Stirling, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, and resided here until some thirty-five years ago. He was 62 years of age. He leaves to survive, his wife; a son, Bob, was killed while serving with the R.C.A.F.

The remains will arrive in Stirling tomorrow (Friday) and will rest at the residence of Harper Rollins, Mill St., where the funeral service will be held at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday.

Madoc Flier Awarded D.F.C.

Squadron Leader J. C. Hovey, of Madoc, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, according to an announcement by Air Force Headquarters, at Ottawa, on Monday night.

APPOINTED NEW SIGNALS OFFICER

Kingston, Dec. 11.—Appointment of Lieutenant G. W. Donaldson, 39, of Kingston, as district signals officer for Military District No. 10, with headquarters at Winnipeg, Man., was announced today.

The new signals officer is a member of the permanent force, enlisting in the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals in July, 1923, at the age of 18.

Geo. Wright Passes

Geo. D. Wright, well-known farmer in the Frankford district, died suddenly at his home on Tuesday night. He was a Past Master of Frank Lodge, No. 127, A.F. & A.M., and held the office of secretary for many years.

Quinte Dist. Seed Growers' Annual

Seed Fair Will Be Held In Orono In March Next — H. L. Fair Re-elected As Sec'y

The Annual Meeting of the Quinte District Seed Growers' Association was held in Shire Hall, Belleville, Monday, Dec. 11th. The meeting was well attended.

Mr. Kenneth Follis, from the Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto, gave a very interesting talk on the maintenance of soil fertility in our soil.

Mr. H. R. Parnell, District Seed Inspector, Belleville, reviewed the general seed situation.

Mr. E. A. Summers, Agricultural Representative, Durham County, extended an invitation to the Quinte District Seed Growers to hold their Annual Seed Fair in Durham County this year.

The invitation was unanimously accepted.

The 1945 Quinte Seed Fair will be held in Orono on March 14th, 15th and 16th. The Ontario Brotherhood of Threshermen were invited to hold their Annual Convention in connection with the Seed Fair this year.

The election of officers resulted as follows,—

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By-Election Called In Grey North

A federal by-election will be held in the Ontario constituency of Grey North, Feb. 5, it was announced.

Nominations for the by-election, to be contested by Defence Minister McNaughton, will close Jan. 29.

It was expected that Gen. McNaughton would be opposed by Mayor Garfield Case of Owen Sound, who has been nominated Progressive Conservative candidate in the constituency.



MASONIC FUNERAL

All members of the Masonic Order are urged to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Thos. R. Shaw, of Kapuskasing, Ont., to be held at the residence of Harper Rollins, Mill St., at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 16th.

C. A. Wells, W.M.

Coming Events

RESERVE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 for St. Paul's Sunday School Christmas Concert, at 8.00 p.m. 13-15

WEEK OF PRAYER WILL BE OBSERVED in Stirling on January 2nd, 3rd and 4th, in St. Andrew's, St. Paul's and St. John's Church, at 8 p.m. 15-21

RESERVE THURSDAY EVENING, December 14th to hear Miss Agnes MacPhail, C.C.F., M.P.P., speak at Stirling Community Hall, at 8.15 14-21

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STIRLING BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION

WARDEN AND MRS. T. FLEMING PRESENTED WITH GIFTS AS TOKEN OF SERVICE TO HASTINGS COUNTY

Austere Shire Hall, home of Hastings Councils for the past century slipped away from its usual dignity Thursday afternoon as county councillors forgot temporarily, the war, taxes and municipal government to pay tangible tribute to a popular warden, Reeve Thomas Fleming, Huntingdon Township.

To the accompaniment of cheers and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," the county body presented the Warden with a handsome engraved gold Bulova watch and Mrs. Fleming with a beautiful cut glass relish tray, as a token of appreciation of his year's tenure as head of the county municipal government.

The presentation was made by Ex-warden John L. Churcher, assisted by Reeve George West, Madoc. Present were R. D. Arnott, M.P.P.; Mayor Harry Rollins of the city and a num-

ber of ex-county councillors.

Taken by Surprise

Warden Fleming, who announced his retirement from municipal life after his office as warden expires this session, was taken completely by surprise. The function had been carefully planned, and took place abruptly during the actual session of council.

Reeve Churcher in his presentation address paid eloquent tribute to the personal and public qualities of the retiring warden. "You, sir," he said, possess all those fine qualities that helped materially for the betterment of the county and this city. Your patience, ability and sense of responsibility have been the background of a fine job done for this county and we, your council colleagues, are proud of you.

"You have left in our hearts a mark of sincere friendship which all of us will carry for years to come. Your sons are proudly wearing the King's uniform with honor and distinction and we of this council are as proud of them as you and your good lady.

Services Appreciated

"We therefore present you with this token of our esteem and appreciation for the grand effort you have made to this county of Hastings during the past year and many years previous and in the years that lie ahead, you will know how much we of this council have appreciated what you have done."

The Warden completely surprised and visibly moved, voiced his appreciation. "For once I am at a loss to say anything. All I can think of is a simple and sincere 'thank you.' He reminisced of his early years in the council and spoke words of appreciation for the co-operation given him by his councillors.

Reeve West, at this point presented Mrs. Fleming, through the Warden, with her gift. "The women of Hastings County," he said, "working quietly in the background, have been of unestimable value to those of their husbands who have the responsibility of county government. In this case Mrs. Fleming has sacrificed much of her time and her effort, and her husband

to us, and we sincerely appreciate what she has done."

Brief addresses were made by Mr. Arnott and Mayor Rollins, also Mr. C. L. Jewell, Canadian Bank of Commerce manager here—Belleville Intelligence.

ORDER SEED POTATOES NOW!

In spite of an excellent export demand for potatoes, growers and dealers in Ontario are assured of satisfactory seed supplies for next year's planting, provided orders for seed are placed before January 15, 1945, says R. E. Goodin, Potato Fieldman of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. There is no guarantee of delivery if orders are received after that date.

Under an arrangement between the Agricultural Supplies Board, and the Certified Seed Potato Shippers, Prince Edward Island, in co-operation with the Ontario Department of Agriculture, orders received from buyers in the province of Ontario will be accepted, allocated and delivered for a total quantity equal to that supplied in 1943-44, and if required, additional quantities up to 10% of last year's shipments, provided such orders are placed before January 15th.

In order to avoid disappointment, such as experienced last year, officials of the Ontario Department of Agriculture are urging the importance of placing orders for seed potatoes at once.

FULLER

Mission Circle met at Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irvine's on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson and family took tea with Mr. and Mrs. Borden Redcliffe, on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morgan spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Adams.

Mr. Bill Roland is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brough.

Mr. Fred Smith left for Kingston, on Tuesday where he is to join the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irvine and Reggie, were Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Borden Redcliffe.

Mr. John Geen and Mr. Ben Brough attended the memorial service at Coe Hill, on Sunday for Irwin Woodbeck, who was recently killed overseas.

Several snow plows were seen on Friday and Saturday plowing out the large snow drifts that blocked the roads.

Annual Meeting Y. P. U.

The Y.P.U. held their annual meeting at Mr. Frank Kellars, on Monday evening. The meeting was opened by the president, Mr. Arthur Brough, with the Christmas Hymn, "Silent Night." Scripture Lesson was read by Miss Marion Kellar.

Readings were given by Mrs. F. Kellar, Mrs. R. Mitts, Mrs. G. Mitts, Miss Helen Kellar and Miss Dorothy Mitts.

A Christmas Carol was sung by Mr. Kenneth Stewart.

After the business period the following 1945 officers were elected as follows:

President—Miss Marion Kellar.

Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Roy Mitts.

Secretary—Mrs. Gordon Mitts.

Ass't Sec.—Miss Helen Kellar.

Treasurer—Mrs. Leslie Adams.

Questions and ? Answers

This column is sponsored by the Regional Office, Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Questions on price control rulings should be mailed to the Information Branch, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Victoria Buildings, Brockville, Ont.

Q. Are butter coupons 88 and 89 valid?

A. Yes, butter coupons 88 and 89 became valid December 14.

Q. Will there be raisins and currants and shelled nuts in the stores for Christmas baking?

A. There should be a fair supply of raisins and currants and plenty of almonds, pecans and peanuts, but no shelled walnuts.

Q. When applying for coupons for evaporated milk, is it necessary to have your ration book with you?

A. Yes, definitely, you must present your No. 5 ration book when applying for canned milk.

Q. Will there be a good supply of turkeys and chickens this holiday season?

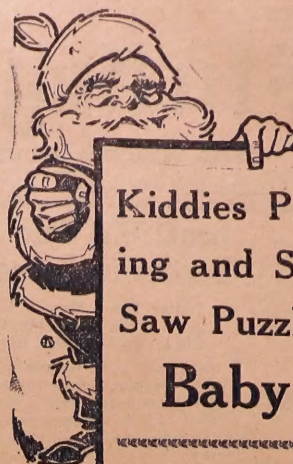
A. There should be a quantity of turkeys on the market with an abundance of chickens.

Q. Is there a ceiling price on canned poultry?

A. Yes, the WPTB has placed all tinned turkey, fowl and chicken under ceiling.

Q. Is cranberry sauce rationed?

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AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS PLAN MEETINGS

Plans are now well underway for the extensive series of meetings of Ontario agricultural organizations which, from the last week of January to the first week of March will bring an invasion of thousands of Ontario farmers to the city of Toronto. During that period, the majority of the agricultural associations and societies including fruit and vegetable growers, live stock breeders, field crop specialists and horticulturists, will hold their annual meetings and conventions. While in the last few years

the deliberations of these assemblies have dealt largely with wartime production problems, and with the problems of wartime marketing, a decided change in trend is likely to be seen this year, with greater emphasis on postwar planning for agriculture. In addition to the meetings, a Seed Display, at which seed growers for all lines of field crops, including field roots, vegetables, clovers, grasses and seed potatoes, will be held in the King Edward Hotel from February 6 to 9, under the auspices of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association.

The various live stock breed association, covering pure bred cattle, sheep, swine and horses, will concentrate their annual meetings into one week of intensive activity, the week of February 12 to 17.

The list of other meetings and dates is as follows:

January 22: Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association annual meeting.
January 23: Ontario Canning Crop Growers' Association, holding its first annual meeting.

January 24 and 25: Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, annual meeting to be held jointly with Vegetable Growers on January 24, when the day's proceedings will culminate with a joint banquet.

February 5 to 7: Ontario Crop Improvement Association annual convention, with the first day devoted to the Potato Growers, and a joint luncheon with the Ontario Plowmen's Association on February 6. Dr. William A. Allbrecht, chairman, Department of Soils, University of Missouri will speak at the luncheon, on the subject: "Why do Farmers Plow?"

February 6: Ontario Plowmen's Association Convention.

February 7: Class "B" Fairs Association Annual Convention.

February 8 and 9: Ontario Agricultural Societies Association Annual Convention. Dr. W. A. Allbrecht, University of Missouri, will speak at the morning session on February 8 and "Soil Fertility and Food Quality."

Details of the programmes for these meetings and conventions are now being arranged and will be made available to members in the near future.

February 10: Ontario Crop Improvement Association, at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, a large scale display of representative samples of Ontario seed will be held on February 5 to 9, 1945. This display has a two-fold objective—to assist growers who have a surplus of high quality seed of recommended varieties in finding a market, and those who need seed in obtaining their requirements.

In announcing this seed display, with the necessary entry forms, is now, and may be secured by interested farmers by writing to John D. McLeod, Secretary, Ontario Crop Improvement Association, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Embarkation Leave for Draftees

In answer to the popular query if draftees conscripted for overseas service will be given embarkation leave, it can be stated here that information has been disclosed in Ottawa that these men will be allowed embarkation leave.



A WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT

Ottawa

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The fight against venereal disease has been brought into the open in Canada—as it should be. The V.D. problem is considered such a serious one and so vital to the future of our country that the Dominion and provincial governments have sought every available medium of publicity in an educational campaign by which it is hoped to impress on Canadians the great need for full co-operation, if headway is to be made against this most serious of health problems.

This week we summarize in the space at our disposal some of the main factors stressed by the Department of National Health and Welfare Ottawa, whose advertisements on V.D. most readers have noticed in the weekly papers.

At the outset, one can realize how serious the problem is by an authoritative estimate that more than 300,000 Canadians have syphilis; that more than 200,000 of this number are unaware of the infection because of the insidious nature of the disease which often shows no outward signs for many years. The number of new cases of V.D. exceeds most reportable diseases, including poliomyelitis, typhoid fever, diphtheria, cancer and tuberculosis. Approximately 10% of insanity is due to syphilis, and about 15% of deaths from "heart disease" are caused through the same infection. Not a pretty picture, is it?

Unless the public is enlightened—and that means you and me, all of us—the immediate post-war period might produce near-epidemic proportions, a condition which occurred after World War I—as a result of highly disrupted social and economic conditions in every country. During the first five years of the present war more than 50,000 of the Canadian armed forces personnel in Canada contracted V.D. This, it is said, reflects the comparative civilian picture. Nothing pleasant about that, is there.

Going into statistics again, 75% of all V.D. infections are acquired by the 15-to-30-year-old group, with the peak—and this should be marked carefully—in the premarriage age. The danger, of course, extends to the family group. Frequently, it is pointed out, the breadwinner, mother and child are caught in the web of infection. The tragic infection of babies with syphilis is still a worrisome problem in Canada. Loss of productive work from this disease causes economic wastage and imposes a serious social and economic strain on families involved. That is apparent.

The authorities point out that V.D. can be held in check and brought to near-disappearance if known personal and community control measures are applied. They urge Dominion-wide adoption of what they call the "four-sector front" against V.D., based on a unified application of four major community forces—health, welfare, legal and moral—to the problem, but in this it is completely necessary that every citizen link himself with one or more of these sectors.

1. Health sector: Is led by health departments, physicians, nurses, etc. This includes health education and an ending to the conspiracy of silence on

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V.D.; medical care; pre-natal blood testing; pre-marital blood testing; getting rid of "quackery" and seeing that cases get a reliable physician's care; contact investigation. This last means that careful search must be made for all who have been contacts to known V.D. By bringing such people under medical care, the network

of V. D. is reduced.

2.—Welfare sector: The struggle of the community against V.D. resolves itself in many instances to the solution of social-economic problems. The fight against V.D. is the fight against squalor, overcrowding, neglect and insecurity. Social security would doom

3.—Legal sector: Contribution of the courts, legal profession and police agencies. In this connection Lieutenant-Colonel D. H. Williams of the Department of National Health and Welfare emphasizes: "Enforcement of laws against illegally operating, disease-dispensing commercialized prostheses" (continued on page eight)



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Rawdon Circuit
Rev. T. F. Townsend, B.A., B.D. Minister
Sunday, December 17th, 1944

11.30 a.m.—Mt. Pleasant.
3.00 p.m.—Wellman's.
7.30 p.m.—Bethel.

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St. Paul's United Church
Rev. David Gray, Minister in Charge
Sunday, December 17th, 1944

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
2.00 p.m.—Carmel Sunday School.
3.00 p.m.—Carmel Public Worship.

MOUNT PLEASANT

Kenneth McConnell year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman McConnell is a patient in Belleville Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert R. Conley and Donald, of Weyburn, Sask., visited their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Andrews last week and also other Rawdon relatives. This is Mr. Conley's first visit to Ontario in almost forty years.

Mrs. Harold Johnston who is a patient in Kingston Hospital expects to be moved on December 24th to the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mac Remington, Newburgh.

Several from Mt. Pleasant attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Allan Morrison at Springbrook last week.

Mr. Roy Thrasher is ill at his home and expects to go to Belleville Hospital this week for x-ray.

GRACE CHAPEL

Sunday, December 17th, 1944

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.

11.00 a.m.—The Lord's Supper.

Gospel Service—7.30 p.m.

"When a Woman Intervened"

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pital this week for x-ray.

A large number from Mount Pleasant attended the funeral of the late Mrs. George McGee at Wellman's on Sunday.

SPRINGBROOK

L.A.C. Clinton Lough, Swift Current, Sask., is spending a Christmas furlough at his home here.

Mrs. George Bailey and Miss Evelyn Bailey, Harold, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Mason and Elda Mason.

Mrs. Hiram Mumby spent a couple of days last week in Peterboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bateman, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Mumby, on Sunday evening.

Mr. Maurice Heath, Nanapan, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Walter Heath.

Mrs. E. McMullen is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. A. Runnalls.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mason and Ross, Stirling, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bateman, on Sunday.

Despite the inclement weather a host of friends and relatives gathered in the Springbrook hall, on Monday evening and tendered Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gay (nee Marjorie Brown) a miscellaneous shower. Mr. Allan McComb was chairman for the evening and the programme consisted of Community singing, duet by Irene and Gwen Ray, solo, J. F. Baker; dialogue, Marjorie Preet and Mr. S. Mason; solo by Ruth Bain; music by Tom Neal, piano and Delbert McComb, violin. The bride and groom were tendered a mock charivari by the crowd and asked to take seats on the platform, an address was read by Doris Thompson to which both Marjorie and Gordon replied, thanking one and all for the lovely gifts. Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening spent in dancing.

Springbrook W. A.

The annual meeting of the W. A. was held on Tuesday, Dec. 7th, at the home of Mrs. T. H. McKeown with the Pres. Mrs. Walter Heath presiding. The worship period opened with hymn, "O Come all ye Faithful." Mrs. Geo. Thompson led in the responsive reading of a psalm. Rev. Holden led in prayer, followed by the W. A. prayer in unison. The Roll Call, "A Christmas Carol", showed 20 members and 7 visitors present. The Sec., Mrs. Bailey gave a report showing a nice balance on hand, also a report of 1943 annual meeting. Visiting committee reported 9 visits made during Nov. A present given to a member moving from our midst and fruit to a member who had been in the hospital. \$15 was voted to the Missionary Fund and \$5.00 to the M. and M. Fund. Rev. Holden conducted the election of officers with Mrs. Walter Heath being returned to Pres.; vice-pres., Mrs. B. Bateman; Sec., Mrs. Holden; Asst. Sec., Mrs. Percy Mumby; Treas., Mrs. G. Melkejohn; pianist, Mrs. T. McKeown; Mission Band Supt., Miss Evelyn Bailey and Auditor for 1945, Rev. J. R. Holden. The programme consisted of a Christmas reading by Mrs. S. Mason and one by Mrs. John McKeown contributed by Mrs. Cooke. Meeting closed with hymn "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and prayer.

The hostess and her assistants served lunch and a social half hour was spent.

WELLMANS W. A.

Congregation met on Tuesday, Dec. 7th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Sine with a splendid attendance. Opening with quiet Christmas Carol music the president called to worship in the message of a poem, "Is My Heart Ready for Christmas?" and leading in prayer.

Those present answered to a Roll Call by repeating a passage of Scripture or Christmas poem, with Mrs. Carl Clancy acting as pianist and Mrs. T. F. Townsend presiding. The Christmas message was re-told in song and story and candle-lighting ceremony. Solo parts were taken by Mrs. George Watson, Miss Betty Hulin and Ruth Clancy. "The First Noel", was sung by the Misses Mabel Sharp, Eleanor Graham and Betty Hulin.

Mrs. Burton Morton brought impressive thoughts on Christmas Christian Stewardship.

After the business procedure in which plans were made for the Sunday School Christmas program and the January congregational meeting at which the W. A. Members will serve supper. The Rev. T. F. Townsend presided over the re-organization of the Society.

The following members will form the Executive for 1945—

President—Mrs. Clifford Clancy.

Vice-Pres.—Mrs. G. D. Watson.

Rec. Sec.—Mrs. John Rainie.

Treasurer—Mrs. Carl Clancy.

Cor. Secretary—Mrs. V. Graham.

Press. Sec.—Mrs. T. F. Townsend.

The ladies of the Wellmans congregation met on December 7th, and with the Rev. T. F. Townsend acting as Chairman, organized a Woman's Missionary Society Auxiliary. The following are the Executive members for 1945.

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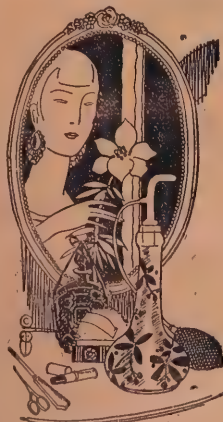
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Mrs. Kay Baynam, of Toronto, is visiting Mrs. J. F. Baker this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barlow attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Geo. McGee at Wellmans Corners, on Sunday last.

Pte. Ralph Rombough, of Farnham, Que., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Rombough over the week-end.

O/Smn Kennard Baker of H.M.C.S. "Protector", Sidney, N.S., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Baker. He has a four weeks furlough and hopes to be able to remain until New Year's Day.

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On Saturday, Dec. 23rd, at 3 p.m. On this farm there is situated a 8-roomed residence; barn, machine shed, pig pen and garage, all in good condition, and good well. Property will be sold subject to reserve bid. Terms—10% day of sale, balance in thirty days. G. W. Arnott, Auctioneer Clarence Runnalls, executor of Elijah McMullen Estate. 13-31

Auction sale of property known as the Thomas Cain Estate, Lots 27 and 28, on the South side of Rear Street in the village of Stirling, on the premises, Saturday, December 30th, at 2 p.m. There is a good brick residence and small barn on the property. Terms—Sale subject to reserve bid; 10 per cent day of sale, balance in 30 days. G. W. Arnott, Auct., P. J. O'Neill, Marmora, executor. 14-3

Auction Sale of business block, being the premises of the late Emma Sarles, E½ of lot 10 on the south side of Front St., formerly occupied by the late Jas. W. Sarles, will be held on the premises, Saturday, Dec. 23rd at 2 p.m. Terms—Sale subject to reserve bid. 10% day of sale, balance in 30 days. Geo. W. Arnott, Auct.; Carleton Wright, executor Emma Sarles Estate. 13-31

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Emma Sarles, late of the Village of Stirling in the County of Hastings, Married Woman, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that all persons having claims against the Estate of Emma Sarles, late of the Village of Stirling, in the County of Hastings, Married Woman, deceased, are hereby required to file proofs and particulars thereof with the undersigned Solicitor for Carleton Wright, the Executor on or before the 29th day of December, A.D. 1944 after which date the assets of the Estate will be distributed to the parties entitled thereto having regard only for those claims of which notice has been received.

DATED at Stirling, Ontario this 7th day of December, A.D. 1944.

C. R. Bastedo, Stirling, Ont.

14-3 Solicitor for the said Executor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Andrew Kirk, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, Gentleman, Deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that all persons having claims against the Estate of Andrew Kirk, late of the Township of Rawdon in the County of Hastings, Gentleman, deceased, are hereby required to file proofs and particulars thereof with the undersigned Solicitor for Harold Caniff Martin, the Executor, on or before the 18th day of December, A.D. 1944, after which date the assets will be distributed to the parties entitled thereto having regard only for those claims of which notice has been received.

DATED at Stirling, Ontario this 28th day of November, A.D. 1944.

C. R. Bastedo, Stirling, Ont.

13-3 Solicitor for the Executor

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The annual meeting of Stirling Cheese and Butter Company will be held at the factory on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at 1:30 p.m., for the transaction of general business, election of officers and any other business which might come before the meeting.
15-1 Walter Warren, President

Voters' List, 1944

MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAWDON — COUNTY OF HASTINGS

Notice is hereby given that I have complied with section 7 of the Voters' List Act and that I have posted up at my office in Bonarlaw, on the 12th day of December, 1944, the list of all persons entitled to vote in the said municipality at Municipal elections, and that such list remains there for inspection. And I hereby call upon all voters to take immediate action to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law

Dated at Bonarlaw, Dec. 12, 1944.

W. J. Barlow,
Clerk of Rawdon

Nominations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Nomination meeting of the electors of the Municipality of STIRLING will be held in the Community Hall, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1944

at 7:00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of nominating a Reeve, Four Councillors, Hydro Commissioner, (Retiring Commissioner, Roy Eggleton) and three School Trustees to serve on the Board of Education for two years. The retiring members of the latter are Dr. E. A. Carleton, R. E. Fox, and Ewart Bailey.

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at the meeting for that purpose.

In case an election is necessary, Polls will be opened on Monday, January 1st, 1945, and continue open from 10 o'clock a.m. until 7 o'clock p.m.

Place of voting, Sub-Divisions 1 and 2 — Community Service Building.

Geo. H. LUERY,

Dated December 14th, 1944.... Clerk

TRUCK COLLIDES WITH CAR

Gerald Jackman, R.R. 2, Harold, reported to the police Monday that as he was crossing Reid Street at McDonnell Street, a south-bound truck, loaded with hogs, collided with his car, doing damage to the extent of \$10. Jackman said that he had been unable to secure the name of the driver or the number of the truck which figured in the accident.—Peter-boro Examiner.

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Gravity of Situation

The so-called political crisis has been lessened considerably in Ottawa by the 143 to 70 favourable vote of confidence for the Government on an amended main motion "that this House will aid the Government in maintaining a vigorous war effort". But the latest stories heard now backstage along Parliament Hill since the special session closed seem to impress so deeply this veteran observer with the actual gravity of the war situation at this moment that it cannot be said that conditions may not occur or that it may not be beyond any possibility to warrant some change of present plans, though this Parliament stands adjourned to Jan. 31, 1945. It is evident that circumstances alone will decide. The serious demeanour and anxiety expressed in the faces of leaders in this nation's capital at this time do not suggest at all that the stormy political horizon has been cleared completely by the recent special session. The political excitement appears to have abated for a short time only. There are hints behind the scenes that it may be temporary, indeed, even if there are signs on the outside that the political tension has been eased to some extent on the matter of reinforcements for overseas, depending greatly on happenings abroad.

Is This a "Trial Balloon"?

There are indications now that much extremely important news will

be forthcoming from the capital in the momentous period ahead before Parliament is supposed to gather again at the end of the month, including some very interesting information on new political developments in national affairs, with gossip right now in this regard concentrating mainly on a question being asked along Parliament Hill. Was Senator Norman at Liberal Federation of Canada and Lambert, formerly head of the National Union, a close personal friend of the Prime Minister, using the old "trial balloon" method to feel public opinion in an all-important statement that he made in the capital? He claimed in that statement that the recent crisis had removed from the mind of the public any thought of a general election. "If public opinion as to the length of the war is correct, I think Parliament is more likely to have its life extended than to be dissolved," he said in part. "I trust that if necessary — in spite of all the Prime Minister has said to the contrary — he will not hesitate to prolong the life of this Parliament. I do not think he has said anything to preclude that possibility. "The legal life of this Parliament is supposed to end by April 16, 1945. Though Prime Minister King himself has declared on occasions that he was opposed to any prolongation of the life of this Parliament, yet it is recalled that he has changed his mind in this war about conscription for overseas service in accordance with circumstances and that he was said to be not exceedingly anxious to hold a general election until the end of the war, if possible. Therefore, the question is being asked now along Parliament Hill if Senator Norman Lambert's statement in Ottawa was not possibly a "trial balloon" or the possible start of agitation for an extension of the life of the present Parliament.

No Basis For Allegation

Any misunderstanding caused by critical comment on the much talked of Order-in-Council which was passed in the recent momentous emergency session and which made 16,000 draftees available for overseas service, it must be mentioned immediately that the highest authorities in Ottawa hold that no promises have been made to anyone that 16,000 is the limit. This is mentioned at this time on account of a widely circulated allegation that 16,000 is the final limit. Such allegation is not true according to the best sources in Ottawa.

Canada's Policy in Liberated Lands

In view of uncertainty in the mind of the man-in-the-street across this country about the attitude of Canadian Government towards the events which have taken place in liberated countries like Greece, Belgium and Italy, involving statements of the greatest importance by Prime Minister Churchill of Britain and the United States State Department, it must be reported that Premier King has made a statement on the attitude of Canada and that he has answered two questions pertaining to this same matter. "I should not like to make a difficult and ungrateful duty even more difficult to perform by offering comment from this distance on day by day developments, in dealing with which the main responsibility must inevitably fall on the allied commanders," said Canada's Prime Minister in part. "The Three countries mentioned are all within theatres of active operations in which the needs of the war against Germany must still be the chief factor in framing policy. In Italy, and indeed even in Greece, the corruption of dictatorship had undermined effective political institutions before Nazi control completed their destruction. It has, therefore, been an extremely difficult task to improvise reasonably representative administrations, pending the re-establishment of democratic methods, under which political responsibility clearly rests with the people. Transitional difficulties and disturbances should not however, create any doubt in any man's mind about the determination of the United Nations to respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live." Then the Prime Minister proceeded to answer two questions asked on this same matter. "As far as I am aware, and I think I should know," he said in part, "there have certainly been no Canadian troops in Greece as suggested in the question." This referred to a question whether it was true or not that Canadians had taken part with British troops in fighting against certain Greek resistance forces or civilians. "I have no hesitation in giving the assurance that this Government has no wish to interfere in the internal affairs of liberated countries where that can possibly be avoided," stated the Prime Minister of Canada in part, offering an answer to a second question about Canada's policy on such matters.

THE MIXING BOWL

By ANNE ALLAN
Hydro Home Economist



By ANNE ALLAN

Hello, Homemakers! Who can resist the thought of Christmas! War-time, or not, we just can't shut Christmas out. The heart-warming good will, the gay decorations, the traditional food, these are the cherished things we are striving to preserve in a world of chaos. Let us, in our kitchens, keep the light of Christmas burning. Let us bake a holiday cake, even if some of the ingredients are difficult to find, or substitutes must be used.

Usually, we talked about Christmas cakes several weeks earlier than this, but the supplies this year were so uncertain that we decided you would be serving more cookies and small cakes during this festive season. However, stores have been displaying fresh supplies of several fruit cake ingredients this week and there have been numerous requests for recipes that we published two years ago.

Here are recipes we gave you in 1942, about which we received many favourable comments:

Dundee Cake

7-8 cup butter, 2-3 cup sugar, 4 eggs, 1-3 cup nuts (chopped), 1-3 cup peel (cut fine), 2-2 cups flour, 1-2 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 cup seedless raisins, 1-3 cups currants, 2 tbs. orange juice.

Topping: 1-3 cup citron peel, cut in thin slices, and 1-3 cup candied cherries, cut in pieces.

Beat in eggs thoroughly. Stir in nuts. Sift flour with baking powder and salt, mix with fruit, and add to first mixture. Add orange and lemon peel mixed with orange juice. Mix thoroughly and put in two or three small pans lined with wax paper and greased. Cover top with candied cherries or citron. Bake in electric oven 275 deg. for 1-1-4 hours.

Cover with paper for the last 20 minutes of baking.

New Gumdrops Cake

11-2 cups raisins, 1-4 cup of water, 1-2 cup shortening, 1-2 cup sugar, 1 egg, 1-2 tsp. soda in 2 tps. hot water, 1-2 cup thick applesauce, 11-2 cups sifted flour, 1-2 tsp. nutmeg, 1-2 tsp. cinnamon, 1-2 tsp. salt, 1 cup gumdrops (sliced, any kind but licorice, 1-4 cup nuts.

Simmer raisins in water about three minutes. Cool. Cream shortening and sugar thoroughly and beat in the egg. Dissolve baking soda in 2 tps. hot water and add to applesauce; then fold into the creamed mixture. Sift flour, salt and spices together. Mix part of flour with gumdrops, raisins and nuts; then add to batter and fold in flour. Line a loaf pan with two thicknesses of greased paper and pour batter in. Bake in electric oven at 300 deg. for 1-3-4 hours.

Victory Fruit Cake

3-4 cup sugar, 1-2 cup molasses, 3-4 cup milk, 1-3 cup corn syrup, 1-2 cups fine whole-wheat flour, 1-2 cup pastry flour, 4 tps. baking powder, 1-2 tsp.-salt, 1 tsp.

cinnamon, 1-4 tsp. each of allspice, cloves, mace and grated nutmeg, 2 cups of seeded raisins (cut in pieces), 1-2 cup thinly sliced peel, or glace cherries.

Mix sugar, molasses, milk and corn syrup. Reserve 1-4 cup pastry flour. Mix and sift dry ingredients. Combine mixtures, then add fruits dredged with the 1-4 cup flour. Turn into buttered and floured loaf pan and bake 50 to 60 minutes in an electric oven (325 to 350 deg.)

English Plum Pudding

7-8 cup pastry flour, 1-2 tsp. baking soda, 1-2 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1-2 tsp. mace, 1-4 tsp. each cloves, allspice, ginger, 1-2 cup brown sugar, 1-2 cup minced suet, 1-2 cup currants, 1-3 cup sultanas, 1-3 cup raisins, 4 tps. mixed peel, 1-3 cup blanched almonds, 1-2 tsp. grated lemon rind, 1 tsp. lemon juice, 1-2 cup grated carrot, 1-2 cup grated raw potato, 1-2 cup grated raw apples.

Method: Sift flour, measure and sift with soda and spices. Add all other ingredients. Combine thoroughly. Steam in covered, greased pudding pan for 8 hours. Re-steam for serving.

Carrot Pudding

2 cups grated carrots, 1-2 cup chopped suet, 1-4 cup sugar, 1-4 cup corn syrup, 1 tsp. salt, rind and juice of 1 lemon, 1 cup of crushed Graham cracker crumbs, 1-2 cup nuts, 1-2 tsp. cinnamon, 1-2 tsp. cloves, 2 tps. baking powder, 1 cup seedless raisins.

Combine all the ingredients. Turn into a well-greased mould. Cover and steam in well-cooker 2 to 2-1-2 hours.

Preparations for a fruit cake:

1. Pick over raisins and currants, rinse in water, lift out and spread to dry before using.

2. Take off any large pieces of sugar on peel. Warm the peel slightly on a pan in the electric oven and slice thin. Brown nuts and chop a little. Steam cherries if they are hard and cut in halves.

3. Sift flour, then measure and sift again three times with the spices, baking powder (if used) and salt.

4. Sprinkle fruits and nuts with about one-quarter of the sifted flour mixture.

5. Beat the butter until creamy; add sugar gradually and beat in eggs gradually. If the mixture begins to curdle, add some of the flour and continue beating in the eggs.

6. Add flavouring and any syrup gradually, then fold in the flour mixture and stir in the flour and nuts.

7. Pour cake batter into tins lined with two thicknesses of greased paper, filling the pans only two-thirds full.

8. Bake in an electric oven pre-heated to only 300 deg. If you have one with two switches for the oven, use bottom switch only for heating. A small tin of hot water in the oven provides moisture while baking.

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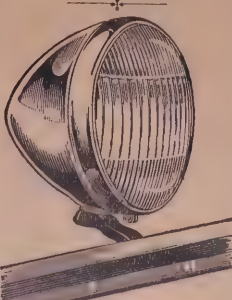
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LOVE AT FIRST FLIGHT

By CHARLES SPALDING and OTIS CARNEY

CHAPTER III

Barred from the Navy's V-7 program because he lacked two years of college math, Lester Dowd tries to enlist in the Coast Guard but is turned down because of a "facial squint." The doctor refuses even to examine him. Commander Whitman, an old friend of the family, endeavors to get a waiver for Lester so he can join V-7, but after weeks of waiting Lester learns they still insist on two years of college math. He is successful in joining the V-5 Naval Aviation and is sent to Anacosta Naval Base.

The instructions went on in the same chilly vein to explain the arrangement of articles about the washbasin.

"Towels will be stowed in locker. Washcloth will be hung on goose-neck."

The goose-neck, reflection made it plain, was the nub of things. I didn't know what the goose-neck was. There had been up to this moment no reason for traffic with goose-necks. If basins wanted to go around in goose-necks it was perfectly all right with me. They could wear slacks if they wanted. I approached the mate of the deck on the subject.

After almost choking to death on a lump of bubble gum the size of a tennis ball, he arose unsteadily from his seat, still suffering from shock, took my hand and led me ceremoniously to the basin.

"This is the hot water."

"This is the hot water," I repeated as if reciting after nurse, Chapter One in the Big Animal Book.

"This is the stopper."

"This is the stopper."

Then leaning over he pointed underneath at an iron intestine. "And that's the God-damned goose-neck!" he shouted.

Once things were on a friendly footing with the plumbing, I turned to the stowing of belongings in bureau and then waited for inspection. Except that my khaki shirts were cozily snugged next to my black socks in the second drawer, instead of under my shorts in the third drawer, all was well until a fine interpretation of the rules turned success into disaster. The boudoir booklet stated in its intimate way: "Toilet articles shall be stowed in top drawer. Bottom drawer shall be reserved for miscellaneous."

My equipment was well housed in a shaving kit, which I placed without much thought in the top drawer.

During inspection Ensign Fitch browned around the bureau. Opening the top drawer he came across the kit.

"My God," he screamed. "What's this doing here?"

"I have my shaving things in it, sir, and the rules—"

"I don't care if you have a skull in it!" he bellowed. "All kits are regarded as miscellaneous in the Navy and so stored in the bottom drawer. This is a final warning."

The next day Lieutenant Sands, U.S.M.S., had the inspection. Coming to my bottom drawer he stepped away as if he had found his wife at the Astor.

"My God!" he shrieked. "What is this shaving kit doing in the bottom drawer?"

"A kit is a kit, sir, and the rules state—"

"I don't care. It has shaving things in it, and as such should be stowed in the top drawer. This is your final warning."

Semper fidelis!

The only way I kept myself out of trouble was by answering, "Well, Ensign Fitch says . . . or, 'But Lieutenant Sands says . . .'"

The showdown came when the men arrived together for Saturday's grand inspection. The kit was in the first drawer.

"My God," shrieked Fitch. "Again."

"I told him to put it there," said the Lieutenant.

"You did, Mr. Sands?" Mr. Fitch was incredulous. "After all your training."

"A study of Rule 13, sub-headed 2, will disclose that shaving equipment properly goes in the first drawer," said the Marine acidly.

I winced. The loser would certainly save his wounded pride at my expense.

"So it does," Fitch was jocular. Great fighters, the Marines. Always gave a good account of themselves. Unquestionably, well-disciplined, but you couldn't expect Navy insight or finesse from such men. "A kit, old man, is a kit," he kindly declaimed. "If you put your hands in your shoes that doesn't make them gloves, does it?" He drove the point home with this mental nail. "The kit goes in the bottom drawer," he said imperiously.

"And if you fill a potato sack with apples you still sell them over the apple counter." The Halls of Montezuma rang with the challenge. "The kit goes in the first drawer," said Sands, folding his arms and looking toward Tripoli.

Ensign Fitch was shaken by the last charge.

"Do you really think it goes in the first drawer?" he asked, admitting the need of discussion.

"I'm not sure at all," said the Lieutenant, giving a little ground himself. "It's the most ticklish issue I've had to face in the service."

"Couldn't the Skipper handle this? Captain's mast or some such"—the Ensign grasped for straws.

"What do you think, Dowd?" asked Fitch, remembering that an occasional gleam of intelligence shone in the ranks.

"It seems to me, sir," I said, straining every muscle to stay off the report, "that it is neither flesh nor fowl and should be stowed in the middle drawer with the underwear."

"No compromising," snapped Lieutenant Sands.

"Remember Munich," added Ensign Fitch.

Both were gallant gentlemen.

"I suppose it will have to go to Washington?" I asked.

"That's it," cried Fitch. "The Bureau!"

"The Bureau!" cried Mr. Sands.

Both men swore to see the thing through, come hell or high water.

"Where shall I stow it for the next inspection?" I hoped the closet would do until the heat was off, but they left me to shift for myself. Shaving under these circumstances had become too much of an ordeal. At first I was for throwing the kit into the Potomac like Excalibur and going off on the magical barge with Singing Sam the Barbarol Man. The choice ultimately fell between a guaranteed delirious or the new electric razor with four blades that made twenty-five hundred contacts with the beard per second. I settled for the latter. It went in the gear room with the vacuum cleaner, and there were no questions asked.

Following the midday meal, the mail was parceled out in the bunk room. The Divine Plan provided, according to some, a particular girl for every male, and a study of the post proved the scheme was making head-

way. Every man was equipped with a number-one woman who wrote to him on an average of every other day. He might hear occasionally from any number of satellites, but these were held of no account because in their turn they each were harnessed to an opposite for whom they regularly filled reams of pink paper.

Sometimes, as with "Sheep" Morgan, this routine was carried to beautiful extremes. "Sheep" played Abelard to a pretty thing who put out at the rate of two letters a day. She printed her name and address; "Miss Pat Clarendon, 205 Hollyhock Ave., River Valley, Va.," at the top of each effort, which looked suspiciously like a large-scale advertising scheme to the skeptics. They argued that Morgan, the cavalier, unless he had a mind like a sieve, must have known the whereabouts of his lovely. In the end, however, a correspondence that was estimated in tonnage proved her fidelity, and the inevitable name in the left-hand corner was taken to be one of those unaccountable "little things" that made him love her so.

Miss Clarendon's regular expressions of passion were scented with a gas that screamed, not whispered, "A woman is passing by," and if the manufacturers gave this a name it might have been "L'Audace." The letters themselves were never brief, simple notes recapturing illusory sensations born of the heart's yearning. Her billets-doux came under the heading of freight. They were essays, wrist-thick, that described in studied detail the condition of a soul that suffered exquisitely twenty-four hours a day. "Sheep's" effect was cyclonic. The sweet sickness consumed her like a Nessus shirt. He had reduced the poor girl, if the length and frequency of her letters were any indication, to round-the-clock recordings of her love-drugged being.

"Sheep, my dearest," she invariably opened, lending a rocking chair melancholy to the flood of tender introspection that followed. "This morning before breakfast I feel electric-currents running through me."

By high noon there was usually a violent turn for the worse. "The thunder that is my own Sheep peals within me," she wrote as all hell broke loose.

The afternoon journal, which carried well into the night, described post-matin developments. In the evening she knew comparative peace as he came to her "in an April way," but if the moon, in any stage of its cyclical development showed in the sky, her prose dissolved into a baleful wail.

Sheep read these volumes as solemnly as if they were copies of the Volstead Act. Then, convinced that he still possessed the same old wham, he prepared to compose some himself. Unlike his beloved Sheep did not burn continuously, but by staring at her picture for varied periods of time, he could flare up at will. Fired by this Yogi-like exercise, he was able to match her stormy recitals. As our training progressed, I thought he was forced to wait longer and longer for inspiration. I often wondered if he would not be turned into stone before her image while she perished from malnutrition, and they both lived on, a lovely legend in the Air Corps. However, he married her secretly one week-end, and it is probably much prettier that way.

The six weary weeks of preliminary ground school finally passed, and one morning before daybreak we were herded onto a requisitioned bus and driven to the flying field. The overland route passed right through the heart of Anacosta, a little suburb of the city, wound around the Maryland countryside, and ended up at a dismal plot of land known as "Hyde Field." I took a seat right behind the driver an enlisted man who was spurred on to madder and madder things by wild cries of exhortation from the cargo. "C'mon, Fearless," they hollered at the helmsman, whose driving had become legend. "You can get sixty out of her, boy."

"Pass him, Fearless, he's holding up the war effort!"

Fearless was a sensitive but dynamic individual who felt the passage of time as keenly as if it were hot lead running down his back. Taking advantage of tetraethyl gasoline, sixteen-cylinder motors, and capitalizing in general on the age's advances, he strove to catch up with the Grim Reaper. A suspicion that he was losing made him redouble his efforts. He tore through intersections, paid no heed to stop signs, and careened down the highway as if he had a rendezvous with Death. I wasn't prepared

for this sort of thing so soon after breakfast, and clawed at the seat cover as the bus roared down a steep grade. Fearless, realizing he was giving one of his four-star performances, turned back to me.

"Some ride, eh, Mack?" he said delightedly, using the Navy's informal "thou."

"Some ride, Jack," I agreed through clenched teeth.

"I really make her dance, don't I, Mack?" he added another burst of throttle.

"You really make her dance, Jack."

"Jeez," muttered Tim Carpenter, as he was wont during periods of great strain.

We rushed on a sharp corner. There was a screeching of brakes, an uncertain moment on two wheels, then a triumphant racing turn into Hyde Field, and two blasts on the horn to announce us.

Fearless looked at his watch.

"Forty seconds off my record," he swore. "They say I'm too old to fight, Mack, but, by God, I'll see you boys don't lose any of your flying time."

"Bless you, Jack," I murmured, pulling myself together.

"Keep 'em flying, Mack," and off he raced.

Fearless disappeared over one hill as the sun's red rim edged above another. The outline of the field emerged in the early morning light, and down at the far end the mechanics began tuning the planes up.

To be continued

DR. S. S. LUMB RETIRES WAS REEVE NINE YEARS

Dr. S. S. Lumb, veteran county councillor, ex-warden and reeve of the village of Bancroft for the past nine years has announced his retirement from municipal life. Dr. Lumb ten years ago entered municipal life as a councillor at Bancroft and the following year he was elected reeve, a position he held until his retirement was reached.

Four times during his career he was re-elected by acclamation while the other five times he successfully managed to better his opponent at the election poles. Dr. Lumb was a witty and able debater, a popular member of the council and his presence at future meetings will be sincerely missed.

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MISS CHARLOTTE CHRISTIE

After a lengthy illness, Miss Charlotte Christie died at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert Christie, Church St., Stirling, on Thursday, Dec. 7th.

Born in Rawdon Township the late Miss Christie was in her 83rd year and was a daughter of the late William John and Charlotte Christie. Most of her life was passed in Rawdon Township and for a number of

years she made her home in Stirling. In religion she was a member of St. Paul's United Church and was well esteemed.

Surviving her are two brothers, William John Christie, Foxboro, and Jas. E. Christie, Belleville. A sister, Mrs. Deacon, of Marmora, and a brother, Robert Christie of Stirling, died some years ago.

The funeral took place from her late residence to St. Paul's United Church on Saturday afternoon, with service being conducted by Rev. David Gray. The pallbearers were Messrs. H. E.

Hulin, W. L. Fox, S. Hatton, N. E. Eggleton, E. G. Bailey and H. Rollins. Interment in Stirling Cemetery.

MRS. ELIZABETH R. MCGEE

Mrs. Elizabeth Rebecca McGee, wife of Mr. George H. McGee, died suddenly at her home at Wellman's Corners, on Thursday, Dec. 7th.

The late Mrs. McGee who was in her 70th year was born in Perth County and was a daughter of the late Thomas Lowe and his wife Anne Cockburn. The greater part of her life was passed in the district where she

was born and for the past thirty-five years she made her home at Wellman's Corners. In religion she was a member of the United Church at Wellman's Corners and was highly esteemed by many friends.

Surviving her are her husband and one son, Reginald McGee of Rawdon Township. A daughter, Mrs. C. Todd, died about three years ago.

The funeral took place from her late residence to Wellman's United Church for service at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday and was largely attended. Rev. T. F. Townsend conducted the service.

The pallbearers were Messrs. John Rainie, Geo. Watson, B. Tompkins, V. Graham, Alex Johnston and Walter Scott.

Interment in Stirling Cemetery.

MRS. SUSAN ESTHER (MCGEE) HAGGITT

Mrs. Susan Esther Haggitt died in the Belleville General Hospital on Sunday, Dec. 10th, after an illness of three months' duration. Born in Rawdon Township, the late Mrs. Haggitt was a daughter of John McGee and his wife Jane Thompson. For many years she lived in the township where she was born and later resided for sixteen years in Blythe, Ontario, and for a time in Toronto. In religion she was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was highly esteemed.

Surviving her is one son, by a previous marriage, Elmer Roy, Toronto; one sister, Mrs. Agnes Demorest, Belleville, two grand-children, Doreen Roy and Harold Roy, Toronto. Her husband died six years ago.

The funeral service was held at the residence of Mrs. James Montgomery, Baker St., Stirling, at 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday and was conducted by Rev. W. H. V. Walker.

Interment in Stirling Cemetery.

BIRTHS

MORROW—Mr. and Mrs. H. Morrow, Stirling, Ont., are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Linda Anne, at Kingston General Hospital, on December 8th, 1944.

BOLTE—At General Hospital, Belleville, on Saturday, December 8th, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bolte, of Stirling, a son.

DEATHS

SHAW — At Kapuskasing, Ont., on Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 1944, Thos. R. Shaw, aged 62 years. Interment in Stirling Cemetery.

MCGEE — At Wellman's, on Thursday, December 7th, 1944, Elizabeth Rebecca McGee, beloved wife of George D. McGee, in her 70th year. Interment in Stirling cemetery.

CHRISTIE — At Stirling, on Thursday, December 7th, 1944, Charlotte Christie, in her 83rd year. Interment in Stirling Cemetery.

HAGGITT — In Belleville General Hospital, on Sunday, December 10th Mrs. Susan Esther (McGee) Haggitt, in her 79th year. Interment in Stirling Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Robt. Christie wishes to thank her many friends and neighbors for all their many acts of kindness during Miss Christie's eleven years of invalidism, to all who assisted before and at the time of her death; also to express appreciation for all the beautiful floral tributes. 15-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my many friends who so kindly remembered me with flowers, fruit and cards, and also those who called during my stay in Belleville Hospital. 15-1tp Mrs. John Kane

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. George McGee would like to thank friends and neighbours for floral tributes and their many acts of kindness during their recent bereavement. 15-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. W. S. Stiles and family wish to thank their friends and neighbours for the many kindnesses shown them during their recent bereavement. 15-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Agnes Demorest and Mrs. J. Montgomery wish to thank their friends and neighbours for their many acts of kindness and sympathy at the time of the death and funeral of Mrs. Demorest's sister, Mrs. Haggitt, also for the assistance given them during this terrible snow storm. 15-1tp

WEEKLY EDITOR LOOKS AT OTTAWA

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titation, suspension or cancellation of licenses of certain hotels, beer par-

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lors, dance halls, taxicab companies, which facilitate the spread of V.D."

4.—Moral sector: "This is the responsibility mainly of home, church and school. The moral sector which can definitely reduce V.D. depends on the moral fibre of the nation and individual character being strengthened and the sanctity of marriage upheld. This can be done if the moral wisdom of the ages is applied in the practical daily issues of personal community and national life," health authorities point out.

That, then, is the situation facing the nation. About a year and a half ago the federal government established a division of V.D. control to mobilize and coordinate national resources against this social scourge and to assist provincial health departments by direct grants, materials, services, etc.

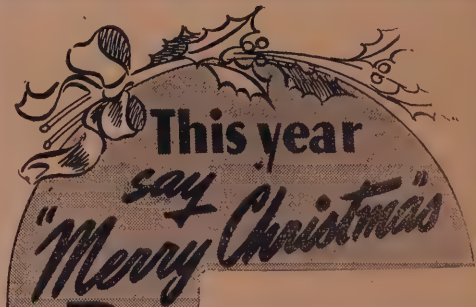
Most people are already cognizant of the program which has been launched, and it is, of course, important that there be no slackening of the effort by a thorough application of the "four sectors against V. D."

but there will be little result of consequence if citizens all over Canada fail to take an active interest.

One of the important things stressed is the necessity of the enlightenment of youth, through high schools and youth groups, on the subjects of V.D. and its control. Wholesome discussions, it is advocated, will contribute much to increasing awareness of personal and community responsibilities.

Each community, no matter what size, should be counted on to eliminate unwholesome conditions which facilitate the spread of V. D., and in this the provision of attractive, wholesome recreational opportunities is vital. Teen age centres for instance, like those being increasingly launched everywhere, would definitely belong to the "moral sector" of the four fighting weapons.

Of importance, too, is substitution of humane, therapeutically valuable rapid treatment and rehabilitation centres for "jail treatment" on many of the unfortunate girls and women.



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STIRLING

A Merry Christmas To All Our Readers

Final Meeting Of Board For Year

Permission Granted Boy Scouts To Use Old Gymn If And When They Organize

The last meeting of the Board of Education for the current year was held in the High School on Monday night with N. E. Eggleston presiding and Dr. E. A. Carleton, Ewart Bailey, R. E. Fox, J. B. Belshaw, C. I. Hatton and H. R. Tompkins in attendance.

Principal C. A. Wells made requisition for 100 ft. lumber, circular saw for the shop and a number of books for the beginners' class, as recommended by Inspector A. W. McGuire.

On motion of C. I. Hatton and J. B. Belshaw the request was granted. Principal J. L. Good of the High School reported that the recent order for books had been filled and that the term exams, which had been postponed due to the storm's effect on the attendance, would be completed on Thursday of this week. He also reported that the school rink had not been started.

Mr. C. A. Wells stated there was a possibility that the local Boy Scout Troop would be reorganized and he had been asked to ascertain if the Board of Education would grant them the use of the old High School gymnasium, as formerly. It was moved by H. R. Tompkins and seconded by Dr. E. A. Carleton that in the event of the Troop being reorganized, permission to use the old gym in the High School as a meeting place be granted.

C. I. Hatton made a report on the proposed changes for improving the heating facilities in the new wing and the matter was left in his hands for completion.

Dr. Carleton, reporting for the internal management committee reported Mrs. Heath's absence from the public school due to an operation and Mrs. J. L. Good acting as supply during her absence. It was expected Mrs. Heath would resume her duties the first of the year.

The following accounts were presented for payment by C. I. Hatton of the Finance Committee:

Public School—A. E. Strickland, \$2.53; Bird's Grocery, \$3.77.

High School—A. E. Strickland, \$4.25; R. B. Duffin, \$27.50; J. L. Good, express, 65c; Miss K. McCrimmon, supplies, \$2.05; Bird's Grocery, 75c; Longman Green Co., \$13.00; J. Irish, extra caretaking, \$19.00.

Reporting for the Teachers' Committee, C. I. Hatton stated that Inspector McGuire suggested that the present practice of letting the Junior pupils in the public school out at 11:30 a.m. instead of 12 o'clock noon be discontinued. It was pointed out by H. R. Tompkins that the primary object in letting the junior pupils out early was to allow them to get across the Highway when there was a minimum of traffic, and thus reduce the possibility of an accident. He suggested that the Board inform the Inspector of this and that the hour of dismissal be changed from 11:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Referring to the safety of the children on their way to and from school, C. I. Hatton pointed out that failure of landlords to shovel the sidewalk on the west side of Emma St. compelled the children to walk on the roadway. "Traffic is too heavy on this street to have pedestrians walking the road," he stated. Members of the Board were agreed and chairman Eggleston appointed Messrs. Hatton and Tompkins as a committee to interview council at the January meeting.

Undergoes Operation

Roy Thrasher, popular merchant of Mount Pleasant, underwent a serious operation in General Hospital, Belleville yesterday. Latest reports are that he is doing as well as can be expected and his many friends are hoping for his early recovery.

Safely Overseas

Mrs. Ed. Pitman, of Belleville, formerly of West Huntingdon, has received word that her son, Pte. John Pitman, has arrived safely overseas.

Memorial Cross Received

A sterling silver memorial cross was recently received by Mrs. Donald Hogg from the Minister of National Defence, on behalf of the government of Canada, in memory of her husband, Flying Officer Donald Hogg, who died in the service.

The following letter of condolence was also received from His Majesty, King George.

Buckingham Palace
The Queen and I offer you our heartfelt sympathy in your great sorrow.

We pray that your country's gratitude for a life so nobly given in its service may bring you some measure of consolation.

GEORGE R. I.

Stirling L.O.L. Elects Officers

At their regular meeting last Thursday evening, L.O.L. No. 110, elected their officers for 1945 as follows—

Past Master, Wor. Bro. Ross Holland; Wor. Master, Bro. Don Rodgers; Deputy Master, Bro. Carman Fitchett; Chaplain, Bro. Cecil Towes; Recording Secretary, Bro. George Sables; Financial Secretary, Bro. Guy Bradshaw; Treasurer, Bro. Louis Rodgers; Marshall, Bro. Boyne Heath; First Lecturer, Bro. Edward Eaton; Second Lecturer, Bro. Rayburn Wood; Tyler, Bro. Gilbert Thompson; Committee: Brothers, Percy McGee, Alfred Lake, Frank McGee, Harold McGee and Thos. McGee; auditors: Bro. Guy Bradshaw, Bro. Gilbert Thompson.

County Master Wor. Bro. Philip Carr occupied the chair, while Bro. Harold McGee acted as Marshall for the occasion. Short addresses were given by the County Master and Bros. Arthur Juby and Robt. Eggleston.

Former Caretaker Honoured

An event of interest took place at the Stirling public school this morning when the pupils and teachers did honor to Mr. Chas. Fairies, who acted as caretaker of the school for many years, prior to his resignation in Nov. last. The presentation of a smoking stand and magazine rack, was made by Ross Bradshaw and Billie Consaul and the accompanying address was read by Patsy Aythart. Mr. Fairies was completely taken by surprise and expressed his sincere appreciation in a few well chosen words.

Dear Mr. Fairies—
We the pupils and teachers of Stirling Public School, wish to express in a small way, our appreciation for the many years of service you have given us, in caring for our school.

During the many years that you were our caretaker, we were always well satisfied with the way you kept our school, (clean, warm, and tidy) and proud of the appearance of the front lawn with its beautiful flower beds, neatly trimmed shrubbery and well kept grounds.

Please accept this smoking stand, and magazine rack; not for their intrinsic value, but as a token of our recognition, and appreciation for services rendered in caring for the school buildings and grounds.

We wish you many happy years of retired life, and hope that you enjoy these gifts.

Yours truly

The Pupils and Teachers of Stirling Public School.

SHORTEST DAY

Today, Thursday, December 21st, is the shortest day and tonight the longest night of the year.

Six Teams In Jr. O.H.A. Group

Hastings And Tweed Entries Added To Last Year's Four Teams — Open Jan. 2

Six teams will face the barrier in group No. 2 of the Junior O. H. A. In 1945, it was announced following a group meeting at the Hume Arena, Belleville, during the week-end. The clubs entered include Tweed, Stirling, Trenton, Belleville, Campbellford and a combined club from Hastings and Norwood, the latter two clubs being newcomers to the group this season.

Home and home games will be played in a single schedule. In the matter of a group play-off, however, the top four teams in the regular schedule standing will meet in a semi-final play-off when the first and third placed clubs meet in series "A" and the second and fourth placed clubs playing off in series "B". These games will be the best two out of three with the third and final game being played on the home ice of the highest ranking teams in the regular schedule standing. The winners of series "A" and "B" then meet in a group final series, which also will be of the best in three nature completed under the same arrangements as the semi-final series.

In the event of a tie for play-off berth after the regular schedule has been completed the goal average of the season will determine the team to advance into the group semi-finals. In the matter of financing the third and final games in all series the visiting club shall receive fifty percent of the net gate receipts, after expenses for referees and advertising have been deducted.

Regarding the matter of officials for each game the delegates present adopted the referee-linesman system of two officials. The visiting club will provide the referee, while the home team will name the linesman for the night.

The schedule has not yet been drawn up but opening dates have been arranged with Campbellford opening at Trenton on January 2 and Stirling playing at Hastings and Belleville at Tweed on the following night.

Seriously Ill

Friends of Miss Maybelle Rodgers, of Frankford, and formerly of this village, will regret to learn that she is seriously ill in Belleville Hospital, suffering from double pneumonia. The latest report is that she is holding her own.

Local Happenings of Interest About Town

Miss Eileen Bradshaw, of Peterboro spent the week-end at her home here. Mr. E. Munro, of Norwood, was in town renewing acquaintances on Tuesday.

Gr. Oakley Teupah, of Petawawa, is spending Christmas leave at his home here.

Wm. Dunn, of Shipshaw, Que. is spending the Christmas season with town friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Green and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Heath, Springbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Duncan, of Batavia, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hullin.

Sgt. Harold Skillcorn, of Halifax, arrived Sunday to spend a Christmas furlough with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. MacConnell and family, were guests of the former's mother, at Springbrook, on Sunday.

Friends of Miss Dora Rodgers, Ridge Road, will be pleased to learn her condition is improving following two week's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mason and boys were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Mason, Springbrook, on Sunday.

Village Council Met Friday

Long Discussion On Water Rates Ends In No Decision — Final Meeting Of Year

Finis was written on the deliberations of Stirling Village Council for the current year on Friday afternoon when the regular statutory meeting was held in the Council Chamber. Reeve Wm. C. West presided and all the Councillors were in attendance.

Following the adoption of the minutes a lengthy discussion took place on charges for water users doing light housekeeping, but no decision was reached.

On motion of councillors Wells and Bailey the cemetery was charged for administration and incidental costs of maintenance to the amount of \$300 and such amount was ordered transferred from the cemetery account to the general account.

Councillor E. G. Bailey presented a report on the snow removal from the business section following the recent storm, showing \$135.95 expended for this purpose.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

E. Luery, waterworks, \$5.00; E. Luery, attending court, \$4.00; J. E. O'Donnell, attending court, \$4.00; R. B. Bell, pay sheet for shovelling snow, \$135.95; Harper Rollins, postage, \$14.00; G. H. Luery, registration births, marriages and deaths, \$16.75; G. H. Luery, revising Voters' List \$24.85; W. L. Anderson, attending court, \$5.00; Stirling Feed Mill, \$4.90; M. Eggleston, work on Library steps, \$20.00; E. A. Carleton, B. of Health, \$12.50; General Account rebate on hydrant rentals, \$502.73; A. Hadley, coal C. S. Building, \$161.70.

Minutes of council were accepted as read on motion of councillors G. Thompson and E. G. Bailey and council adjourned.

HEAVY MAIL

The volume of mail handled at the local post office this week has broken all previous records, according to officials and indications are that it will be even greater before Saturday.

Placed Wreath

A wreath in memory of Pilot Officer "Bob" Shaw, of the R.C.A.F., son of Mrs. Shaw and the late Thos. R. Shaw, of Kapuskasing, who lost his life in January last, was placed at the local cenotaph on Tuesday morning. Mr. Harper Rollins, village treasurer, deposited the wreath on behalf of Pilot Officer Shaw's mother.

Expressman Injured

R. E. Gould, local expressman, suffered painful injuries on Friday last when he slipped and fell between his truck and the station platform while loading some parcels, severely bruising his leg. He has been confined to his home since and R. E. Fox has been looking after his work. His many friends are hoping for his early recovery.

Home From Overseas

Wounded through the chest last December and awarded the Military Medal in March of this year, Sergt. Harold Dracup, son of Mr. and Mrs. Selborn W. Dracup, 36 Bettes Street, Belleville, was one of the group of repatriates who arrived at Kingston from overseas last Saturday. He was met in Kingston on arrival by his brother, Private Jack Dracup, who has been home himself recently and who has been a patient in Kingston Hospital since. Another brother, Ray, is also serving overseas.

Sgt. Dracup was born at Wellman's Corners and resided in Stirling for a number of years prior to going to Belleville with his parents to reside.

Memorial Service Held By Masons

A most solemn and impressive memorial service for brethren who have passed to their reward during the past year was held by the members of Stirling Lodge, No. 69, A.F. & A.M., in their lodgeroom, on Sunday night. Wor. Master C. A. Wells conducted the service and those remembered were Wor. Bros. Geo. H. Rose, W. H. Cooke, Bros. Caleb Rose, Henry Wallace and J. B. Thompson, also Wor. Bro. J. Fanning, of Spruce Falls Lodge, Kapuskasing, and Bro. Thos. R. Shaw, of Silver Lodge, Cobalt.

An appropriate address was given by Bro. Rev. David Gray, of St. Paul's, while Bro. Rev. C. C. Brazill, of St. John's, gave a reading, "Our Glorious Dead," and presided at the organ during the singing of the hymns. Others assisting in the service were Rt. Wor. Bro. E. A. Carleton, Wor. Bro. W. L. Fox, V. Wor. Bro. C. F. Walt and Wor. Bro. H. R. Tompkins.

Junior O.H.A. Hockey Schedule

Following is the schedule for the District Junior Hockey released by league headquarters yesterday.

Jan. 2nd—Campbellford at Trenton.
Jan. 3rd—Belleville at Tweed.
Jan. 3rd—Stirling at Hastings.
Jan. 5th—Trenton at Stirling.
Jan. 5th—Hastings at Belleville.
Jan. 5th—Tweed at Campbellford.
Jan. 8th—Hastings at Campbellford.
Tweed at Trenton.
Jan. 9th—Belleville at Stirling.
Jan. 11th—Trenton at Belleville.
Jan. 12th—Stirling at Tweed; Campbellford at Hastings.
Jan. 16th—Hastings at Trenton; Belleville at Campbellford; Tweed at Stirling.
Jan. 19th—Stirling at Belleville; Trenton at Tweed.
Jan. 22nd—Campbellford at Stirling; Belleville at Hastings.
Jan. 24th—Campbellford at Tweed.
Jan. 26th—Tweed at Belleville; Hastings at Stirling; Trenton at Campbellford.
Jan. 29th—Stirling at Trenton; Tweed at Hastings.
Jan. 30th—Campbellford at Belleville.
Feb. 2nd—Belleville at Trenton; Stirling at Campbellford; Hastings at Tweed.

The group playdowns will open on Feb. 9th, convener S. R. Burrows announced, as he added Hastings' home games would be played at Norwood, while the Stirling rink will house the "Combines" as usual.

J. C. Sills Heads Crop Association

Annual Meeting Held In Agricultural Office Monday — R. E. Goodin Speaks

The Annual Meeting of the Hastings County Crop Improvement Association was held in the Department of Agriculture, Stirling, on the afternoon of Dec. 18th, with John McCaffrey, of Madoc, presiding.

Mr. R. E. Goodin, Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch, Toronto, was the guest speaker. He stressed the importance of maintaining the fertility of our soils. He pointed out that humus or organic matter was very important in our soils, by retaining moisture and maintaining soil fertility. He also pointed out that this organic matter in the soil could be built up by plowing in green crops and by not having too long a crop rotation.

The Crop Improvement Program as carried on in 1944 was discussed by the secretary, H. L. Fair. Mimeographed reports of the results of the 1944 tests were distributed at the meeting. These tests were made with Hybrid and open pollinated corn, winter wheat, sudan grass for summer pasture, fertilizer test on pasture and permanent pasture test. The plots were located in various parts of the county on the farms of W. E. Tummon, Foxboro; Clem Ketcheson, Wallbridge; Dave Hollinger, Oak Lake, Clare Shannon, Plainville; Kenneth Caskey, Madoc; Laurison Ketcheson, Holloway; A. F. Foster, Tweed; E. J. Pyser, Stirling, and Geo. Williams, Springbrook.

Mr. J. C. Sills, West Huntingdon, and Mr. Clem H. Ketcheson, Belleville, No. 2, were appointed delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association. Mr. Fred Campbell, Foxboro, was appointed as the Crop Improvement Representative on the Hastings County Agricultural Committee.

The election of officers resulted as follows—
Hon. Pres.—Mr. John McCaffrey, Madoc.

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- Coming Events -

SKATING SATURDAY NIGHT, in Stirling Arena, at 8 p.m. Children 10c; adults, 15c. 16-1

CAROL SERVICE—St. John's church, Stirling, at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 24th—Christmas Day—Choral Communion, 9 a.m. All are invited. 16-1

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN ST. Paul's on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Christmas message in song and story. Song service of Carols at the evening service. You are welcome. 16-1p

WEEK OF PRAYER WILL BE OBSERVED in Stirling on January 2nd, 3rd and 4th, in St. Andrew's, St. Paul's and St. John's Church, at 8 p.m. 16-2t

NEW YEAR'S DANCE, — AUSPICES Sidney Junior Farmers, Stirling Community Hall, Monday, Jan. 1st, Austin's Orchestra. \$1.50 per couple. 16-2

LISTEN TO JACK MCCAUGHEN'S Trent Valley Ramblers, C. H. E. X. Peterboro, 1430 on your radio dial, Tuesday, December 26th at 2:15 p.m. Featuring Doug Jones and Charlie Campton, violinists; Myrtle Jones, pianist; Edna Campton, guitarist; Dorothy McCaughen (The Smiling Cowgirl) with drums; Jack McCaughen (The Singing Cowboy) and his guitar. Dance to the music of the Ramblers—Conservative Clubrooms, Belleville, Thursday night, December 28th and Monday night, January 1st, and in Frankford community hall, Wednesday night, Dec. 27th. Round and square dancing. Intermission programme. 16-1t

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Questions and Answers

This column is sponsored by the Regional Office, Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Questions on price control rulings should be mailed to the Information Branch, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Victoria Buildings, Brockville, Ont.

Q. Are sugar coupons 48 and 49 valid?

A. Yes, sugar coupons 48 and 49 become valid December 21.

Q. I don't understand about the recent cut in the butter ration, when does it take place and what is the cut?

A. The butter ration is being reduced approximately one ounce per person a week starting January 1.

Q. How much longer will the coupons in ration books 3 and 4 be valid?

A. All coupons in ration books 3 and 4 expire December 31.

Q. Are silk stockings going to be rationed?

A. No, definitely not.

Q. Are canning sugar coupons still valid?

A. Yes, canning sugar coupons F1 to F10 in ration book are still valid but only until December 31.

Q. Are canned fruit juices rationed?

A. No.

Q. When visiting the United States is it necessary to surrender your ration book?

A. You need not surrender your ration book unless you are out of the country for a period of sixty days.

SIDNEY COUNCIL

The December session of the Sidney Council was held on the 15th inst.

Minutes of the November meeting read and adopted.

Bleeker and Danford—That relief accounts for November be paid. Cd. Danford and Bleeker—That accounts under Road Voucher, No. 12 be paid. Cd.

Danford and Nicolson—That the following accounts be paid.—News-Argus, \$14.75; Dr. Hall, \$60.00; Hastings Co., \$33.24; J. Kiernan, \$2.00; B. Hinchliffe, \$34.25; F. J. Woods, \$13.10; A. B. Collins, \$6.00; Mrs. W. N. Ponton, \$1.50; Haig, McDougall and Bateman, \$66.38. Cd.

A by-law for fixing the time for holding the first meeting of the year of Sidney Council, and one appointing auditors were passed and council adjourned.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH THANKS W. C. MIKEL FOR COPY OF BOOK

W. C. Mikel, B.C.L., K.C., the author of "Belleville History", sent a copy to Her Royal Highness, Princess Elizabeth, having heard that she is keenly interested in history pertaining to all parts of the British Empire of which some day she may be the Empress.

In response Mr. Mikel has received the following letter,—

W. C. Mikel, K. C.
Local Master,
Court House,
Belleville, Ontario

Dear Sir:—

I am desired by the Princess Elizabeth to thank you most sincerely for your kind gift of a book containing the history of the city of Belleville. Her Royal Highness has great pleasure in accepting this present, which she is sure will be most interesting to read, and is most grateful to you for sending it for her information.

Yours sincerely,
Lady Strachey,
Lady-in-Waiting

FRANKFORD NATIVE DIES IN PETERBORO

Roy Howard, 41, of 95 Rubidge St., Peterboro, died Saturday morning following a heart attack while sitting in the rest room of the Board of Works Yard, Townsend Street. Mr. Howard has been employed with the City of Peterborough as a laborer for about 10 years.

Born in Frankford, the son of Chas. Arthur Howard and Elizabeth Wallace, he has resided in Peterborough for 16 years, previously living in Frankford. He was a member of Geo. Street United Church.

He leaves to mourn his loss his sorrowing wife, formerly Rose Elizabeth Hamilton, his parents, a sister, Mrs. H. J. Caldwell, of Frankford, and a brother, Frank Howard, also of Frankford.

ONE MILL SUBSIDY TO BE ABOLISHED

Premier Drew has announced the one-mill payment to Ontario municipalities in 1944, amounting to \$3,500,000 was a temporary measure designed to remain in effect until such times as the government's plan to assume 50 per cent of the gross cost of education was ready and will be abolished in 1945.

The subsidy was put into effect by the Drew government about a year ago.

"The subsidy was the only method by which the government could make a distribution to the councils with the object of reducing the costs of education."

"It was paid to municipal councils until such time as the government was in a position to make payments direct to school boards. We are now in that position."

This gem is from the Kincardine News: "When Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, arrived at

Teeswater Fair and was waved in by one of the officials, the ticket-seller, Mac Keith, declined to let him in. 'But' the official expostulated, 'This is Col. Kennedy. The ticket-seller was obdurate: 'Maybe' that worthy admitted, but last year three 'Russell T. Kellys' got in.' Col Kennedy paid."

Stepping Up Trade Expansion

Once again there is concrete evidence along Parliament Hill that the Government is determined to expand Canada's foreign trade as soon as possible and that nothing will be spared in efforts in this direction in the general interest of this nation's growing economy. When Bruce Macdonald, an experienced official, was named Canadian Trade Commissioner to Belgium in the latest move, it represented more than the appointment appeared to be on the surface. Mr. Macdonald was an official who had held major posts abroad in Berlin, Dublin, Shanghai and London. Belgium had only recently become freed from enemy occupation. These two sets of facts indicate significantly how fast the authorities are moving in expanding trade and how important they regard such efforts. Furthermore, the man-in-the-street across this country may expect other and even more spectacular moves in Ottawa in order not merely to get back Canada's former markets overseas but to expand commercial relations in spheres of wider scope than ever witnessed before in the history of this nation.

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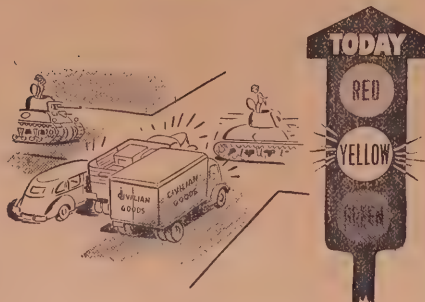
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DON'T CONFUSE THE SIGNALS



War came. The manufacture of most civilian goods had to be cut down or stopped to make way for war production. That caused shortages of civilian goods—that was the RED LIGHT

don't jump the YELLOW light



Some restrictions are now being lifted, but it does not mean lots of goods right away. War's demands are still huge and must come first. We can't neglect them just so that some of us here at home can get a little more.

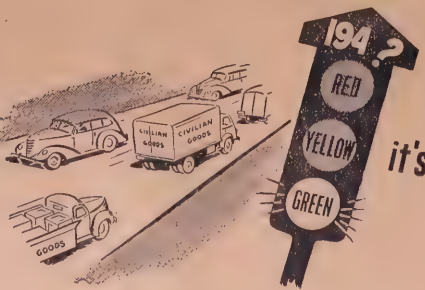
Don't confuse the signals—(This is the YELLOW LIGHT ONLY).

It means a little more of some things and it helps business men get ready for the time when there will be more materials and workers available.

It does not mean the end of shortages!

Getting back to peacetime production will necessarily be piecemeal and gradual.

"Patience" is the word.



it's NOT the green light yet

Only after Victory over both enemies can the Green Light be switched on, and the road cleared for enough production to meet all our civilian needs.

THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



SEASON'S GREETINGS

DR. C. F. WALT
DENTIST
Stirling — Ontario

Extends to all homes throughout the Stirling Community the Season's Greetings
May the Christmas Festival Be a Glad and Joyous occasion and may the New Year bring Happiness and Prosperity to All

GREETINGS

Even as a Sprig of Holly Inspires good cheer, so we hope this greeting of ours finds welcome with our many Friends and Customers
May your Christmas be the Merriest and Your New Year the Happiest Ever

BATEMAN'S LADIES' WEAR

BEST WISHES

With Cordial Christmas Greetings to One and All and may the New Year hold a Full Measure of Health and Happiness

REYNOLDS' SHOE STORE

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May Peace and Good Wishes be uppermost in our thoughts at this Festive Season
With Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

PRESTON TRANSPORT

GREETINGS

May our Yuletide Greetings, Blended with those of your other friends, brighten the closing days of Nineteen Hundred and Forty-four and help you to face with cheerfulness Nineteen Hundred and Forty-five

J. S. WHITEHEAD

BEST WISHES

A Greeting, a Smile And a Word of Good Cheer To say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

BRADSHAW'S GARAGE

BEST WISHES

MR. AND MRS. E. T. WARD

Extend to all their Customers and Friends Best Wishes for A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

GREETINGS

TO OUR FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS We take this opportunity to extend Best Wishes for their Happiness during the Christmas Season and throughout the New and Coming Year

M. J. BLACK

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May Christmas abound in Good Cheer and Gladness and the New Year Brighten Your Days with Life's Most Precious Gifts — Friendship Health, Prosperity and Contentment

STERLING HOTEL

BEST WISHES

We extend Greetings at this Joyful Yuletide Season—and may your Christmas Season be a most pleasant one, and the New Year filled with Happiness, Cheer and Prosperity

E. G. BAILEY
Chevrolet Sales and Service

GREETINGS

May You have a Merry Christmas
May It find you well and glad,
May It leave you with the feeling 'Twas the Best you ever had

R. B. DUFFIN

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We wish to take this opportunity of wishing our Customers and Friends
A Merry, Merry Christmas and
A Happy and Prosperous New Year

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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We extend Cordial Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for Happiness and Prosperity to One and All during the Coming Year

W. T. ELLIOTT

BEST WISHES

We Extend to All The Compliments of The Season

DOMINION STORES
C. MACKLIN

SEASON'S GREETINGS

With Cordial Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for Your Happiness and Prosperity During the Coming Year

FRED ELGIE

GREETINGS

Though we hope the year now closing has treated you kindly and that all your dreams have come true
May the New Year bring to you Happiness and Prosperity in an even greater measure

THOS. SPRY

BEST WISHES

To our customers and Friends We Extend Best Wishes and to One and All the Old Greeting Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

TRUDEAU MOTOR SALES

BEST WISHES

Wright's extend to their Many Friends Greetings and Best Wishes For a Joyous Christmas and a Bright New Year

WALTER WRIGHT

GREETINGS

We Wish that in Every Joyous Way Happiness and Good Cheer May Be Yours at Christmas and every day throughout The New Year—1945

GEO. WEAVER

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We wish to thank our Customers for their Business during the past Year, and extend to all the Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

FRANK STAPLEY

BEST WISHES

We Extend to All The Compliments of The Season

MRS. A. STEVENSON

GREETINGS

Good Health — Good Luck. Good Cheer
May These be Yours at Christmas Time and through the Coming year

STIRLING AUTO WRECKERS
B. WOODBECK, Prop.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May Santa grant you This Christmastide All Joys, forever to abide

NORMAN RAY

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To Our Many Friends, Old and New, We send Greetings May the Christmas Season be filled with Happiness and The New Year hold Joy and Prosperity for You in Full Measure

ROY LANCASTER

GREETINGS

In a Personal and Friendly Way at this Christmas Time We wish all our Customers and Friends Joy in the Present and Happiness and Contentment in the days to Come

J. C. MCGEE

BEST WISHES

May Good Fortune, Health and Happiness be yours this Christmas and throughout The Coming Year

C. B. ROLLINS
"If Satisfied — tell Others If Not — Tell Us"

SEASON'S GREETINGS

May Christmas at your house Be happy and bright, With pleasure to bless you From morning to night May cheer and good fortune Make all the New Year The sort that is wished you By ALL of US here!

STIRLING CREAMERY
WM. C. WEST

GREETINGS

It is our Sincere Wish that the coming Year will grant you an even greater measure of happiness than any of those in the past

ALTON HADLEY
COAL AND WOOD MERCHANT

BEST WISHES

As the Merry Christmas Season is here again, we take this Opportunity of Wishing you one and All, the Best in Health and Happiness throughout the Year to Come

DR. P. V. HELLIWELL

Season's Greeting

In the midst of a rapidly changing world one thing remains unchanged—

THAT IS THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

With that Spirit we wish to extend to all our friends our best wishes for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Geo. H. Stokes, M.P.

BELLEVILLE

GREETINGS

May Peace and Happiness Be Yours At Christmas and Throughout the New Year

RICHARD D. ARNOTT, K.C., M.P.P.
Belleville

Season's Greetings

May you have a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Happiness

Geo. S. White, M.P.

Madoc, Ont.



**St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church**
Rev. W. H. V. Walker, Minister
Sunday, December 24th, 1944

11.00 a.m. Sunday School and Morning Worship.
"The Significance of Christmas"
7.30 p.m.—Christmas Carol Service.
2.30 p.m.—West Huntingdon.

Rawdon Circuit
Rev. T. F. Townsend, B.A., B.D.
Minister

Sunday, December 24th, 1944
11.30 a.m.—Bethel.
3.00 p.m.—Mount Pleasant.
8.00 p.m.—Wellman.

St. Paul's United Church
Rev. David Gray, Minister in Charge
Sunday, December 24th, 1944

Christmas Services
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—"The Manger Cradle."
7.00 p.m.—"The Old, Old Story."
2.00 p.m.—Carmel Sunday School.
3 p.m.—Carmel Christmas Service.

WEST HUNTINGDON

Presentation to Robert Gay

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gay on Monday when a large number of friends and neighbours gathered to spend a social time in honour of their son, Bob, who has recently joined the army.

Mr. Kenneth Stewart was chairman for the evening's entertainment. Community singing of Christmas Carols was enjoyed by all. Musical selections were given by Mr. Harold Wright on his guitar. Mrs. William Benson and Billy Donnan contributed a guitar duet; Mrs. G. Welsh, Mrs. Bob Gay and Mrs. Benson as trio delighted with a song.

Readings were given by Marjorie Wright, Marion Kellar and Alex McCurdy. Miss Helen Kerby read an appropriate address and Mr. Lindsay Sills presented Bob with a handsome wrist watch, for which he voiced his appreciation. Short speeches were also given by Mrs. John Wallace, John Gay and Elmer Post.

Young People's Union
The Young People's Union held a helpful meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hammond, on Thursday evening with a good attendance. Mr. Russell Sills presided over the Christmas program. Mr. Stewart of-

fered prayer. Readings were given by Jean Haggerty and Jean McCurdy. James Donnan read the Christmas story. Arthur Wilson gave the special address. The Misses Marion Hammond and Muriel Thompson gave a duet. Mr. Kenneth Stewart conducted the election of officers for 1945. President—Mr. Russell Sills. Vice-President—Mr. Alex McCurdy. Sec'y-Treas.—Miss Jean Haggerty. Pianist—Miss Muriel Thompson.

In the business period it was decided to give five dollars for missionary work, and five dollars to sick children Hospital at Toronto.

Following the Benediction a couple of contests were enjoyed conducted by Miss Muriel Thompson, and lunch was served.

Mission Band Meeting

The Mission Band meeting was held on Saturday afternoon at home of Lois Emmerson. In absence of President, Mary Elliott presided over the following Christmas program.—Call to Worship; Scripture Reading. Mr. Stewart. Roll Call was answered by a Christmas hymn. Louis Emmerson and Eleanor Wright were appointed a committee to prepare next program to be held at Hammond home. Readings were given by Geo. Post and Don McCurdy. Recitations were given by Eleanor Wright, Sheila Wil-

GRACE CHAPEL

Sunday, December 24th, 1944

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—The Lord's Supper.
Gospel Service—7.30 p.m.

son and George Green; solo by Lois Emerson; duet by Mary Elliott and Doris Donnan. Meeting closed with Prayer by Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Emerson served cocoa, cake and popcorn balls.

West Huntingdon Cheese Co.

The West Huntingdon Cheese Manufacturing Co. meeting was held on Thursday afternoon in Orange Hall. Mr. Howard Ashley, of Stirling was chairman for the meeting and Mr. Geo. Pollard, cheese inspector for this area gave an address of interest to cheese producers. Mr. Morley Haggerty was re-elected president and Mr. Vincent Farrel, auditor.

Endeavor's Class Meeting

The December meeting of the Endeavor's Class was held on Monday evening at the parsonage, following the usual programme.

The officers for 1945 were elected as follows:—

President—Mrs. Frank Hammond.
Vice-President—Mrs. Elmer Post.
Sec'y-Treas.—Mrs. W. J. Fitchett.
Pianist—Mrs. John Moorcroft.

The recent snow storms have been the chief topic of conversation, and while some think that old man winter is showing off a wee bit too much. But citizens here are most grateful there is food and shelter for man and beast and there has been no serious illness. Some of the ladies have revived an old time practice, "Bread making." Old timers say the deep snow is a forerunner of good crops. The soil surely needs the moisture, so let us at this happy season of the year be truly thankful for the beautiful snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Donnan and Keith, spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Chambers, of Whitby.

Mr. Kenneth Stewart took dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McInroy, of Moira.

Sgt. Pilot Don Wright spent a few days recently visiting relatives in New York, U.S.A.

We are pleased to report that Mr.

Frank Ashley is improving from his recent illness.

MOUNT PLEASANT

We wish to take this opportunity to wish the Editor, staff, correspondents and readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The huge snow storm last Monday December 11th, upset all plans for the week. The rural mail courier, Mr. Fred McDonnell delivered the mail to your correspondents' box that morning and he hasn't been on the 4th concession since and a week has gone by.

Your Mt. Pleasant news was relayed to Stirling by telephone. The W.M.S. meeting was postponed a week, hence the main item is snow and because of it news is scarce. It was the heaviest downfall of snow in years, and it will take hours of shovelling before all the bypaths are ready for travel. On Friday, December 15, the 4th Concession was opened for motors from Thos. Andrews to White's Corners and practically every family journeyed that direction to Stirling. The balance of the Fourth Concession to the Highway is still full of deep snowdrifts. The schools were closed Tuesday and Wednesday and the teachers remained in the community.

Mr. Robert Melville Havelock spent a recent week-end at Mount Pleasant. Mr. Allan Bailey has been confined to his bed for a few days following the exertion of too much snow shovelling.

On Sunday morning at Mt. Pleasant, Miss Lois Weaver and Mrs. Burton Sharp rendered a duet.

Mrs. Allan Reid spent last week in Stirling, with her sister, Mrs. Murney Scott.

The funeral of Mrs. John Parks, of Hoards was held at her home on Friday afternoon with interment in Mt. Pleasant cemetery. Mrs. Park died on Tuesday, December 12th, following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Ross Hoard, Supt. of Mount Pleasant Sunday School held an Executive meeting at his home on Monday evening, when plans were made for 1945 supplies.

The pupils of the Allan and Williams Schools are busy practicing for their Christmas Concert at the church hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Weaver entertained Mount Pleasant Young People's Union, Friday evening. The Christmas worship service was conducted by Miss Lois Weaver and all sang several Carols. The pastor outlined future plans for the winter months. Mr. Robert Hoard conducted a round of games and contests after which the hostess served an appetizing lunch. The next meeting will probably be in the form of a sleighing party.



Greetings!

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FOR SALE—Anyone wishing to get a nice small quarter of beef, phone John Morrison, 603, Stirling. 14-11

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED—Write Geo. Maybee, Harold, No. 2. 16-11
FOR SALE—Soft wood, cut any length, and cedar posts. Arthur Burkitt, phone 540, Bonarlaw. 16-3

FOR SALE—Hound pup, 8 months old. Apply Leslie McKeown, Stirling. 16-11

FOR SALE—Boy's pair of skates, size 1, new last year. Apply at Reynolds' Shoe Store or phone 548. 16-11

FOR SALE—Breakfast table and four chairs; round table and six chairs; cistern pump, 2 iron beds, 2 cook stoves, pair boy's skates size 5; Swede saw, 3"; cross-cut saw, "Simmonds". Apply Murray Myers, Stirling Ont. 16-11

FARM FOR SALE—100 Acres, Lot 13, Con. 12, Township Rawdon. Good house, barn and outbuildings. Well at door. Hydro available. Close to school and cheese factory. Apply to Mrs. Elizabeth Green, Bonarlaw, Ont. 16-31p

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LOST—On town line between Lorne Brooks residence and Stirling, a truck chain, single. Finder please phone 375. 16-11

STRAYED—A helper strayed on to the premises of John Morrison, Lot 5, Con. 5, Rawdon. Owner may have same by proving property and paying expenses. 16-31

GUARANTEED PIANO TUNING—Your piano tuned, de-mothed and sprayed, all for \$3.50, by A. C. Huycko tuner of 26 years experience with leading piano firms. Leave orders at News-Argus Office. 16-11

CENTRAL CHEESE CO.
The annual meeting of Central Cheese Factory will be held in the Agricultural Rooms, Stirling, on Friday, December 29th, at 2 p.m. for the election of officers and transaction of general business. Ross Hoard, Pres. 16-11

PLUM GROVE CHEESE CO.
The annual meeting of Plum Grove Cheese Co. will be held at the factory, on Friday, December 29th, at 1 o'clock for the transaction of general business. H. L. Pollock, Pres. 16-1

SHAMROCK CHEESE CO.
The annual meeting of Shamrock Cheese Company will be held in the factory on Friday, Dec. 29th, at 1.30 o'clock for the transaction of general business. T. W. Donohoe, Pres. 16-2

Auction Sales

Auction sale of property known as the Thomas Cain Estate, Lots 27 and 28, on the South side of Rear Street in the village of Stirling, on the premises, Saturday, December 30th, at 2 p.m. There is a good brick residence and small barn on the property. Terms—Sale subject to reserve bid; 10 per cent day of sale, balance in 30 days. G. W. Arnott, Auct., P. J. O'Neill, Marmora, executor. 14-3

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of Emma Series, late of the Village of Stirling in the County of Hastings, Married Woman, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that all persons having claims against the Estate of Emma Series, late of the Village of Stirling, in the County of Hastings, Married Woman, deceased, are hereby required to file proofs and particulars thereof with the undersigned Solicitor for Carleton Wright, the Executor on or before the 29th day of December, A.D., 1944 after which date the assets of the Estate will be distributed to the parties entitled thereto having regard only for those claims of which notice has been received.

DATED at Stirling, Ontario this 7th day of December, A.D. 1944.

C. R. Bastedo, Stirling, Ont.

14-3 Solicitor for the said Executor.

Voters' List, 1944

MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAWDON — COUNTY OF HASTINGS

Notice is hereby given that I have compiled with section 7 of the Voters' List Act and that I have posted up at my office in Bonarlaw, on the 12th day of December, 1944, the list of all persons entitled to vote in the said municipality at Municipal elections, and that such list remains there for inspection. And I hereby call upon all voters to take immediate action to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law

Dated at Bonarlaw, Dec. 12, 1944.

W. J. Barlow,
Clerk of Rawdon

15-3

Nominations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Nomination meeting of the electors of the Municipality of STIRLING will be held in the Community Hall, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1944

at 7.00 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of nominating a Reeve, Four Councillors, Hydro Commissioner, (Retiring Commissioner, Roy Eggleton) and three School Trustees to serve on the Board of Education for two years. The retiring members of the latter are Dr. E. A. Carleton, R. E. Fox, and Ewart Bailey.

All Nominations must be in writing and blank forms will be provided at the meeting for that purpose.

In case an election is necessary, Polls will be opened on Monday, January 1st, 1945, and continue open from 10 o'clock a.m. until 7 o'clock p.m.

Place of voting, Sub-Divisions 1 and 2 — Community Service Building.

GEO. H. LUERY,

Dated December 14th, 1944.... Clerk

MT. PLEASANT

Mr. Roy Thrasher is a patient in Belleville Hospital and Mrs. Thrasher is remaining in the city.

At a meeting held last week at Central Cheese Factory, Mr. Morris Rose was re-engaged as cheesemaker for the 1945 season.

Born—At General Hospital, Belleville, on Sunday, December 17th, 1944 to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Reid, Mount Pleasant-Rawdon, a son—a brother for Edwin and Malcolm.

Mission Band

The Sunbeam Mission Band held their December meeting on Sunday morning, after Sunday School with a good attendance.

The President, Mr. Gordon Reid gave the Call to Worship and Mrs. Burton Sharp played quiet music.

Two Christmas Carols were sung, "While Shepherds watch their flock by night" and "Away in a Manger". As these were sung the leader gave a brief description of the origin and writer of each selection and prayer followed the rendition of the Carols. The minutes and Roll Call were given. The Treasurer's Report showed a total of 23.75 to date.

Miss Ruth Sharp contributed a prayer song. Two Christmas readings were given by Misses Joan Johnson and Grace Dunham. Mrs. Cyrus Summers outlined the study story entitled "Changing Hearts and Lives."

The offering was gathered by Misses Marguerite Stone and Ruth Linn and amounted to 71 cts. and Thank-offering, 50c.

The slate of officers for 1945 was read and are as follows:—

President—Miss Eleanor Johnson. Vice-President—Miss Grace Dunham.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Blanche Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Harper Rollins gratefully acknowledge and thank all their friends for their many kind expressions of sympathy. 16-11

Secretary—Miss Marguerite Stone. Treasurer—Mrs. Sid Demoreest. Pianist—Miss Betty McConnell. Assistant—Miss Ruth Rose. Get-Ready Committee—Miss Ruth Sharp and Miss Dunham.

Visiting Sick Committee
Miss Joan Johnson, Miss Ruth Linn, Master Burton Wrightman and Master Edwin Reid.

Leader—Mrs. Wilbert Jeffe. Assistant—Mrs. Cyrus Summers. The service closed with the rendition "Gentle Mary, laid her Child" and the Mizpah Benediction."

This meeting completed seven years service for Mrs. Cyrus Summers as leader of the Mission Band and her efforts have been greatly appreciated.

BONARLAW

The pot-luck supper and bazaar held under the auspices of St. Mark's W. A. in the Parish Hall on Friday evening was a splendid success. Many useful and beautiful articles were on display for sale and many present availed themselves of this opportunity of buying Christmas gifts for their friends.

A chance was given every one to make a guess on the number of pieces of taplica in a jar. Frank Cosbey was the lucky man.

After supper progressive euchre was played, the prizes going to Miss Freida McLaren and Alvin Heath.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Baker, Mrs. Kay Baynam and O'Sinn. Kennard Baker, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brown on Saturday evening. Mrs. Ed. Wright and her newly born baby girl were admitted to Belleville General Hospital on Sunday last.

ALLAN MILLS

Mrs. Namie Morgan, of Minto, visited Mr. and Mrs. Mac Anderson. Mrs. Annie Reddick from Sask., is visiting Mrs. Stiles and family, and friends in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril McKeown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John McKeown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McKeown attended the funeral of the late Mrs. McGee on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Sarah McKeown celebrated her 91st birthday on Wednesday, Dec. 6th at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. McKeown, of Spring-



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from this vicinity were, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McKeown, Mr. and Mrs. F. McKeown, Mr. and Mrs. F. McKeown, Mr. and Mrs. A. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Irwin.

On Friday evening, Mrs. J. Wellman and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. V. Heath and Clifford, of Stirling, Mr. and Mrs. R. Heath, of Springbrook, Mrs. Namie Morgan, of Minto and Mr. and Mrs. Mac Anderson.

RAWDON COUNCIL

The Rawdon Township Council met at the Town Hall, Harold, on Friday last, all members present, Reeve W. J. Tanner presiding. The following motions were adopted:—

That due to conditions of roads no interest will be charged on taxes until Jan. 1st, 1945; that Hydro account of \$4.05 for Town Hall be paid; that County call, school monies and officers salaries for the year be paid; that Marmora Municipal Telephone be paid \$29.00 for the year 1943; that Howard Finch be paid \$5.85 for thirty nine rods wire fence along road; that road insurance premium of \$125.00 be paid to Haig, McDougall and Bateman; that Hydro Electric Power Com. be paid \$84.79 for street lights in Springbrook; that Mrs. Chas. Dracup be paid \$2.00 and John Scott \$2.00 refund account dog tax billed in error; that road voucher No. 11012 for \$2881.48 for Twp. Road Supt. be paid; That the following sheep accounts be paid on completion of affidavit, Verney Heath, \$21.00; Sidney Mason, \$10.00; Jas. Brownson, \$9.00; also va-

luation fees as follows, L. Mumby, \$2.00; Chris. Bateman, \$6.00; That clerk be paid \$5.00 for wreath purchased for cenotaph on Armistice day, That Stirling News-Argus be paid \$137.75 for printing voters' list; that Percy Mumby be paid \$15.50 for cutting weeds; that the splendid report from the School Attendance officer be received and filed and his salary of \$20.00 be paid; that Stanley McInroy be paid \$6.00 for wire fence along north and south road; that Reeve W. J. Tanner and Councillor Cook be a committee to investigate the Ed. Wright family at once with power to act; that the Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Road Supt., be a committee to view any construction work re getting snow removed from Township roads; that clerk order dog tags for 1945;

By-law No. 665 was passed appointing Deputy returning officers and poll clerks for the year 1945, and by-law No. 666 appointing the second Monday in January as the opening day of Council.

W. J. Tanner, Reeve W. J. Barlow, Clerk.

MRS. E. M. BRACKEN, MOTHER OF J. BRACKEN, DIES AT AGE OF 83

Mrs. E. M. Bracken, 83, mother of Progressive-Conservative Party Leader John Bracken died Monday night at her home in Saskatoon.

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NEWS FOR THE BUSY FARMER

FOR SAKE OF A NAIL PRIZE BULL LOST

The hazards on the farm were again demonstrated by the death recently at Chicago of the famous Canadian Holstein bull, Montvic Renown, which sold for the Canadian Record price of \$14,000 two years ago at Brantford, Ont. A nail killed him. He had swallowed it, and died following an operation for its removal from his stomach.

Many of the accidents on the farm are preventable, but in wartime with the shortage of labour it is not possible to cope with all the possible causes. Less time is now available for keeping the farm yard spic and span, and still less time to ensure that the pasture is free of danger, but time spent in cleaning up to clear the precincts of loose nails, bits of metal, broken bits of lumber, discarded pieces of machinery hidden in long grass, and all other articles which should not be there, would prove profitable and prevent such an accident as happened to Montvic Renown.

Live stock are liable to pick up any odd article that may have found its way into the feed or in the pasture. A board with a nail in it lying about the yard or anywhere, a projecting nail on a step, on a field gate, on the side of a barn or anywhere at all is a constant menace, but more insidious are loose nails inadvertently dropped around the yard or in the pasture. Cattle seem to have a peculiar relish for them.

Apart from machinery which is responsible for the most serious accidents on the farm, everyday causes of mishaps are numerous, such as the careless handling of tools or of a gun, the cover off a well, hay hiding an open trap door in the loft, an exposed electric wire, a broken step, a faulty flue, or a rickety ladder. The farmer must be to a great extent, his own safety engineer.

APPOINTED PRINCIPAL O. V. COLLEGE

Announcement was made today by the Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, of the appointment of Dr. Andrew L. MacNabb, at present Director of Laboratories of the Provincial Department of Health, to the post of Principal of the Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, to succeed Dr. C. D. McGilvray, who is retiring from that institution on reaching superannuation age. In making the announcement, Hon. Mr. Kennedy said the responsibilities of Dr. MacNabb in his new position would be of a far-reaching character. "Dr. MacNabb will not only be

Principal of the Ontario Veterinary College," said the Minister. "He will also carry on the work of supervision of health of animals on the government farms of Ontario through an extension and research programme centred on the College. He will also have supervision over the health of animals at the Ontario Stockyards, on behalf of the Province. Dr. MacNabb will also remain as consultant director of Laboratory Services, Provincial Department of Health."

Dr. MacNabb will assume his duties on June 15, 1945, when Dr. McGilvray retires from the Principalship of the College.

Born at Beechburg, Ontario, son of the Rev. Robert MacNabb and Annie L. Johnson MacNabb, the new Principal of the Ontario Veterinary College, brings to his new post outstanding qualifications and distinguished service in research. He was educated at the Public Schools at Powassan and Kenmore, Ontario, and the High School at Kenmore, and also graduated in Bookkeeping and Accounting at the Willis Business College, Ottawa.

In the First Great War, Dr. MacNabb enlisted in April, 1916, and served in France from October, 1916 to May, 1919, as stretcher-bearer with the 11th Field Ambulance. He became a mustard gas casualty at Passendale, and after the Armistice served with Headquarters Staff, No. 1 Forestry Corps, until his return to Canada.

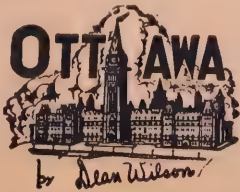
In 1919 Dr. MacNabb entered the Ontario Veterinary College, from which he graduated in 1923 with the degree of Bachelor of Veterinary Science. He served for two summers at the Animal Research Institute, and one summer with the late Dr. D. McAlpine, veterinary practitioner at Brockville. In 1924 he wrote the Michigan State Board examination and was successful. In October of that year he was appointed as bacteriologist in the Ontario Department of Health, and in 1928 was appointed Director of Laboratories, which position he has held for the last 16 years. In that post, he has had control of the Central Laboratory, Toronto, branch laboratories at Fort William, Kingston, North Bay, Ottawa and Sault Ste. Marie, and subsidized laboratories at Belleville, Kingston, London, Peterborough, St. Catharines and Timmins. In the present war, Dr. MacNabb has served as laboratory consultant with the Canadian Army in Canada with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Dr. MacNabb is a Member of the Toronto Academy of Medicine, Fellow of the American Public Health Association, Member of the American Society of Immunologists, and the Ontario Veterinary Association, associ-

ate in Biometrics and Epidemiology, School of Hygiene, University of Toronto, and referee for the Laboratory Diagnosis of Tuberculosis.

Dr. MacNabb has a brilliant record in the field of research, and since 1929 has published 30 scientific papers dealing with a wide variety of subjects.

Dr. C. D. McGilvray, who is retiring from the Principalship of the Ontario Veterinary College, has occupied that position for the last 27 years and has made an outstanding contribution to veterinary science and study of animal diseases in Ontario.



Predictions Are Discounted

It is apparent along Parliament Hill that there is no room for any complacency in Canada to-day and that predictions about the length of the war are not to be taken seriously when these pretend to indicate the probable date of its close, this being the general impression gained from this veteran observer's inquiries behind the scenes in this nation's capital. This should be kept in mind by those numerous persons who demand relaxation of restrictions at this time. This should be born in mind by those numerous persons who interpreted certain actions as indicative of an early end, particularly when Canada closed up the Empire Air Training Plan and made certain post-war preparations. In other words the best informed individuals along Parliament Hill hold that the probable date for the end of this war is known to no human being in this country or as Prime Minister Mackenzie King said in his latest comment on such predictions: "At the present time the fate of nations is being decided on the battlefields of Europe. How soon the decision will come God only knows." This means that, though this war is now in its sixth year and much more costly in human lives and loss of production than the last world war that ended when the armistice was signed in Marshall Foch's railroad car in Compiègne Forest on November 11, 1918, after four years 14 weeks, two days and six hours of fighting, yet there is nothing which permits anyone to predict the probable date of the end, regardless if such predictions are made by so called statesmen or by the average man and woman.

Political Storm is Brewing

With the return of the colourful and outspoken former Premier of Ontario, Hon. Mitchell Hepburn, to the leadership of the Liberal Party of that Province and the election of Hon. Camille Houdé as Mayor of the largest city in Canada only three months after he had been released from internment of four years duration, there is a flood of stories circulating in the nation's capital about a political storm being in the making directly from these sources. The return of Hepburn is considered to be of more than passing interest.

Various reasons are heard already on Parliament Hill why he came back into the leadership at this time when there is so much commotion and sniping within the ranks of the Liberal Party on the federal front, particularly since it has aroused speculation in the nation's capital that the return of the colourful Hepburn may not be somehow related to the hint heard lately that some supporters of the King Government in Ottawa would welcome changes in the Federal Cabinet which would add new colourful leaders, with no one denying that Hepburn has always been a colourful character of great interest. Likewise, whispers are heard along Parliament Hill that Houdé's election as Mayor of Canada's metropolis is merely a stepping stone towards Ottawa. He had been elected Mayor of Montreal on four previous occasions and he had been the leader of the Conservative Party in Quebec, with his political star being now at a high point since his release from internment so that he can be elected to almost any office in a French-Canadian constituency. One story claims that he will seek "revenge" by running in Quebec against the present Minister of Justice, Hon. Louis St. Laurent, in the next Federal election. Another story states that Houdé will again contest St. Henri constituency in Montreal where he had been defeated in a previous election in 1938, though it must be admitted that a Cabinet Minister during that election campaign had done much in bringing about his defeat through a promise on

the new Canadian National Railway station being completed in Montreal, observers charging that "It took a new station to beat Houdé." All in all, the return to the political arena of Hepburn and Houdé in Ontario and Quebec is considered along Parliament Hill as the beginning of a new era in politics since both are colourful and outspoken characters of first rank.

Reason for Reduction

The reduction of the butter ration from seven to about six ounces per person a week, as announced in Ottawa recently, is now revealed to be a move made in an effort to adjust consumption of this product in order to make in tune with the supplies in the so-called low winter production months. Creamery butter production for 11 months ending the close of last month was down 14,000,000 pounds in comparison with last year and stocks at the start of this month were 11,500,000 pounds less than a month ago. Likewise, it is expected that storage holdings in Canada on January 1 will not exceed 37,500,000 lbs. compared with 46,500,000 pounds a year ago, with no relief predicted by increased production during winter months.

High Percentage Granted

A report in the nation's capital has disclosed clearly that a huge percentage of Canada's men and women with overseas service to their credit have been granted pensions on cases ruled upon by the Canadian Pension Commission after they had been discharged for medical reasons. Indeed, the man-in-the-street across this country may be interested to learn the latest statement in the capital on this subject has shown that out of about 15,335 cases of this kind, which had been ruled upon, 11,305 had been granted entitlement to pension, including 10,405 favourable decisions given on first hearing. Of course, it can be reported that in cases of service in Canada only the percentage was not high, though over 45 per cent of those discharged for medical reasons and whose cases had been decided were granted entitlement. Incidentally, the report stated that the total annual liability on pensions to veterans of this war was \$9,300,766 up to the beginning of October of 1944, this involving \$3,947,750 to service men and women and \$5,362,916 to dependents. In addition, \$25,738 was going in payments to persons under the Pensions Act which govern mariners, fishermen, Auxiliary Service, Corps of Civilian Fire Fighters, Etc., and \$231,558 in payments to dependents under this category.

Wrong Impression

There has been a rumour circulating that cases of whisky imported from overseas into this country are subject not only to strict supervision by the Federal authorities but that this whisky is reduced in alcoholic strength by authorities through the addition of water. This story has been flatly denied in Ottawa where it has been indicated that this whisky from abroad is sent to liquor control boards or commissions of the various Provincial Governments and the only interest in same on the part of the Federal authorities is to see that the proper duties or taxes are paid on the shipments from overseas. There is, in simple words, no truth to the story of water being put into this whisky to reduce its strength and of this being done by the Federal authorities.

Great Importance of Position

After completing a tour of the Canadian Northwest, Charles Parnell, well-known head of the Canadian Association of Real Estate Bonds, has declared in Ottawa that he was firmly convinced that Edmonton will become in time the focal point between Washington and Moscow and that he was very deeply impressed with the steps taken by the United States Government to develop aviation in that city. He was also satisfied that the famous Turner River Valley was the richest spot in the world and worthy of far greater development.

Reason for Shortage

While it is true that there has been a relative shortage of coins since the start of this war, yet it has been pointed out in the capital that this shortage may be more marked than ever at this particular season of the year on account of the unusually large amount of buying engaged in by the people due to the holidays. Moreover, it has been emphasized that there are more bills than coins in circulation at times on account of the difficulties encountered by the Canadian Mint in producing all the coins necessary as labor and material problems prevent such normal production on some occasions.

The war years have seen much interesting industrial development in Canada. Among her new projects is the manufacture of optical glasses,

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Season's Greetings, Homemakers! It is our sincere wish that this may be the last wartime Christmas and that the New Year may bring us the blessing of an enduring peace. May we all realize our cherished hopes as the widening horizons of to-morrow.

Hot Christmas Punch

1 pound cranberries, 4 cups water, 1 tsp. grated orange rind, 1 tsp. grated lemon rind, 1 cup honey, 1 cup orange juice, 1-2 cup lemon juice, 2 cups additional water.

Cook cranberries with the four cups of water and grated rinds. Remove from element. Add remaining ingredients and serve.

Sausage Stuffing

1-4 lb. sausage meat, 1-4 cup diced celery, 2 tbsps. minced parsley, 1 tsp. minced onion, 1-2 tsp. sage, 2 cups soft bread crumbs.

Cook sausage meat, celery, parsley and onion slowly for about 10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients, mix well and stuff fowl.

Roast Fowl

Clean and singe fowl. Hold over a candle flame, turning to burn off hairs. Scrub, stuff and truss fowl. Put stuffing in by spoonfuls in neck end, using enough to fill the skin so that the bird may look plump when served. When cracker stuffing is used, allow for the swelling of crackers. Put remaining stuffing in body; if skin is full sew skin.

Cross drumsticks, tie securely with string and fasten to tail. Draw neck skin under and fasten back. Place wings close to body and hold them by inserting skewers or turned back and inverted. Rub fowl with cooking fat. Dredge with flour.

Place in deep roast pan and put in pre-heated electric oven at 350 degrees. Allow 15 minutes per pound for 4 to 8 pound bird. Baste and salt when partly cooked.

Raw Beet Salad

3 cups grated raw beets, 2 tbsps. grated onion, salt and pepper, lemon juice or French dressing.

Combine the raw beet and onion and season to taste with salt and pepper. Add enough lemon juice or French dressing to moisten slightly, and serve on salad greens. Six servings.

Hot Water Pastry

3-4 cup lard or mild flavoured fat, 1-2 cup boiling water, 1-2 tps. salt, 3 cups all-purpose flour. Cream fat and stir in the boiling water, a little at a time; cool slightly. Add salt and flour, mixing with a quick-cutting motion; do not stir. Chill before rolling. Makes one double crust for mince pie.

Frozen Rum Pudding

2 eggs (separated), 1 1-2 cups milk, 3-4 cup sugar, 1 tbs. cornstarch, 1-2 tsp. cinnamon, 1-4 tsp. ginger, 1-4 tsp. salt, 3-4 cup sieved pumpkin, 1 tsp. rum flavouring.

1-3 cup of chopped raisins, 1-4 cup chopped nuts (if obtained).

Beat egg yolks; add milk. Mix sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, ginger and salt; add milk mixture. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly until thickened. Add pumpkin; cool. Add rum flavouring. Beat egg whites stiff. Pour into freezing tray of electric refrigerator; set control to coldest degree. Freeze to mush. Put in chilled bowl and beat smooth. Add nuts and raisins. Return to freezing tray and continue freezing. Serve 4 or 5.

Toffee Sauce

1 cup corn syrup, 1 cup rich milk, 1 1-2 tbsps. butter, 1-2 tsp. vanilla.

Combine corn syrup, milk and butter and heat in top of double boiler until well blended. Add the vanilla and serve warm. Makes two cups.

THE QUESTION BOX

Mrs. J. S. asks: Recipe for devilled sprouts:

1-4 cup butter, 1 tsp. prepared mustard, 1 tsp. condiment sauce, 1-2 tsp. lemon juice, 1-4 tsp. salt dash of cayenne, 1 qt. Brussels sprouts.

Melt butter over low element. Add lemon juice and mustard, condiment sauce, salt and cayenne. Pour over hot, well-drained cooked sprouts. Serve at once.

Mrs. B. K. asks: Recipe for red cabbage pickle:

4 qts. thinly sliced red cabbage, 4 tps. salt, 1-2 tsp. pepper, 1-4 cup mustard seed, 1 cup sugar 1-4 cup mixed pickling spices (in spice bag), 2 qts. mild vinegar.

Sprinkle salt over cabbage. Mix well and let stand overnight. Drain slightly. Add pepper and mustard seed, mix well, and place in crock. Add sugar and spices to vinegar, bring slowly to boiling point, and pour boiling hot over cabbage. Cover.

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CHAPTER IV

Barred from the Navy's V-7 program because he lacked two years of college math, Lester Dowd tries to enlist in the Coast Guard, but is turned down because of a "facial squint." The doctor refuses even to examine him. Commander Whitman, an old friend of the family, endeavors to get a waiver for Lester so he can join V-7, but after weeks of waiting Lester learns they still insist on two years of college math. He is successful in joining the V-5 Naval Aviation and is sent to Anacostia Naval Base. Six weary weeks of preliminary ground school pass by and he is finally driven to a flying field.

Before the war Hyde Field had been operated by a pioneer aviator known in flying circles as Al Manning. He called his field Al's Airport and attracted clients by doing breath-taking aerial stunts on Sunday and then teaching his magic to young aspirants during the week. The populace was becoming increasingly air-minded and Al left a pretty good thing when the Navy evicted him.

I dwelt for a minute on the romance involved. Manning spanned the period between the last war and this. After World War I he returned and eked out a living as a barnstormer, risking his neck to prove that aviation was really here to stay. The field was a laboratory in which the experiment developed slowly from year to year, and now that Al had passed along, myself and countless others stood by to carry on. It was a grand heritage.

Swaying a little in this emotional gust, I took time to mock the withered sages of my school days who shook their learned pates and preached that adventure had died in the glorious long ago. They were sorry about this, but told us frankly that our generation was doomed to find the world in its senility and our only consolation was that it would get worse and worse.

I hadn't noticed much improvement myself until this moment. The sight of planes, lined in even rows, speeded the pulse. The sun had risen higher and shone on the rich green woods across the way. The roar of the planes was a powerful roar. There was a youthful surging in the bright morning, and there was adventure enough for any young man who pulled goggles over his eyes and dared climb into the sky.

I was gulping down satisfaction like lotus when David Munk, a stoop-shouldered, slow-speaking lad from the hills ambled up, his hands in his pockets. I had come to know him well. He was, from point of service, two weeks my senior, and since sleep and a way of life that leaned radically toward leisure were his chief concerns, he had been forced to discover low ways of by-passing Naval routine. He gladly passed these secrets on to a newcomer whose philosophy was, in many respects, in harmony with his own.

"Dowd; O.K., son," he drawled. "Ah see you have ole Glossup for an instructor."

"What sort of a fellow is he?" I asked, still suffering from visions of Drake and the new Elizabethan era that had sprung up underfoot.

"He's a nawthun boy," he commented as if it had important bearing on a thesis of his, "and he's full of slime and vinegar."

"He sounds pretty bad." Even adventurers fret now and again.

"Ah had him at first," Munk elaborated, "and that ole roach made me so mad ah told Captain Miller to give me a new instructor. Ah volunteered into this outfit, and if ah listened to much more of that ole boy ah wuzz goin' to volunteer out."

In spite of his mild southern ways, Munk was regarded as something of a terror. He had the refreshing habit of reporting his superiors to their superiors and was held in an admiral's awe by many of the junior officers. "He's over talkin' to some ensign," Munk jerked his head in the direction. "Ah'd go over and acquaint mahself," he advised, preparing to lie down.

"That's a good idea," I started off. "Say, ole son," Munk called, after me, "you don't get seasick, do you?" "I don't know. What's that got to do with it?"

"Just askin'," he murmured, closing his eyes.

I approached Mr. Glossup from behind, circled to the side, noticed his stiff bearing, his ensign's rank, and an expression of perpetual discomfort on his large, plain face. His clothes were neat, perhaps a little too tight, and from his being radiated the damp, forbidding chill of the "real Navy man." In my best manner that had acquired even by now only mild naval overtones, I introduced myself.

"Pardon me, Mr. Glossup. My name is Dowd. I am your new student."

He looked away from his chum and observed me coolly. Since he made no effort to speak, I found myself stuck to a gum-like monologue that went on and on like a repeating decimal.

"You're my instructor. I hope I can learn. That is, if I can't learn from you, what hope is there?"

He graciously relieved me of speech.

"When I am speaking to another, you will not interrupt me. Is that clear?" He laid equal stress on each syllable.

Something died inside me. Gone was the informality that characterized Drake's ship. This was going to be a ramrod relationship, conducted along specific lines.

"Oh, excuse me," I was taken aback. "Excuse me what?" he demanded in a frosty fashion.

"Excuse me . . . excuse me," I was somewhat rattled, but that seemed to cover it.

"Excuse me, sir . . . sir . . . Sir!!!" He seemed to be talking from a great distance.

"Excuse me, sir, sir, sir"—I showed how eager I was to learn.

"I see, Dowd, that you have not been long in the military swim," he observed, resorting to pretty imagery.

Recalling the last six weeks I was compelled to admit I had only just got my clothes off.

Fine talk to a gallane about to explore the new frontier. I looked outside to see if the morning still retained its glow and was not disappointed. My spirits rose a few degrees.

"No, sir," I answered. "Previously we passed the summers in Dark Harbor."

A great man could rise above a handicap like Mr. Glossup. He could make things difficult for my corporal being with his insistence on official deportment, but my soul soared, unfettered, beyond his heavy grasp. It was still a glorious adventure, albeit with a mustard plaster attached.

"Meet me in the plane," he commanded, adding, "and button your shirt pocket."

I walked slowly to the parachute loft, trying to release my soul like a carrier pigeon from a prison tower, but it was badly trained or underfed, and it wouldn't budge.

"Here, Mack," said the seamen in charge, handing me a parachute, "bring it back if it don't work," and so saying he collapsed with laughter.

His assistant, a finer man in every respect, reproached him.

"Joe, ya said that fifteen times already and it wasn't no good the first. Now will ya shut your big face. Ya underminin' morale."

Drake had known the same badinage on the wharves when he walked among the enlisted men. It was the rough local color that formed a background for the life in action.

On the way down the line to the plane, a bloated, yellow-colored machine known as the N3N, that didn't look as if it could fly if it had to, the friendly Glossup's voice caught up with me. "You don't wear the parachute in that fashion."

It was banging against the back of my knees. I could either get it on my head like a Ball maiden or hold it

up under an arm. I chose the conservative course and all was peace.

"This is an indoctrination flight," said Mr. Glossup. It was no adventure for him. "I'll do all the flying. You watch and try to catch the feel of it."

I climbed into the back cockpit and fastened the safety belt. I was about to fly. Leonardo had dreamed of this. Daedalus and Icarus, and no melting wax to worry you. Mr. Glossup looked carefully under the wings, tugged at the struts examined the tail assembly, and then leered, "Of course you'd go up without seeing if it was all together."

Apparently the wax problem had not yet been completely solved.

He ran the motor up, checked the magnetos, and signaled for the mechanics to pull away the chocks. We taxied evenly out to the runway, hesitated a moment, and then sped down the gravel strip, cleared a red silo, and mounted into the sky, describing a gentle, graceful bank to the left. The wind pounded my face and the noise of the motor temporarily obliterated the disagreeable influence that was Glossup. I was curiously alone. The plane climbed slowly to three thousand feet and leveled off. Below, the manchild scurried about securely fastened to his natural habitat. He plied his crops into minute, evenly spaced piles, furrowed and plowed his tidy, well-defined squares of land, and seemed, from three thousand feet, to live a drab, uneventful life.

As my exhilaration wore off and we continued to fly smoothly around the countryside. I crossed my arms and relaxed. This was more than the care-free boyish double-dare of Drake. It was more than the embodiment of a classical myth. It was healthy. Here I was wading about in another dimension enjoying the invigorating sun-stare and lapping up unlimited quantities of fresh, rarefied atmosphere.

There were hordes of peoples less fortunate, chained to stuffy offices, claimed for a lifetime by factories, the best of them decaying in stiff white collars. I shuttered to think how narrowly I escaped rotting in the industrial clutch. Sooner or later I should have had to board the eight o'clock for a cell on La Salle Street. Nevermore quoth the birdman. A flyer's life for me.

Suddenly the plane bolted upright and lurched evilly onto its side. The horizon stood on end and then disappeared. I had a spasm of fright such as you might expect if Dracula climbed into a hot bath with you. The restive thoughts of a moment ago scattered like scraps of paper beside an onrushing train. Viciously the plane snapped right side up again.

"That was a snap-roll to the right," called Mr. Glossup over the gosport which made possible a one-way conversation while in flight.

I hung tightly to the sides, suspecting that when there is a snap-roll to the right there too often is a snap-roll to the left. Immediately the plane heaved sickly and the same maneuver was repeated on the other side.

"Did you notice that you can do a snap-roll to either side?" he asked.

I nodded in assertion. It was as obscure as bear tracks in new-fallen snow. Long swells of swooning sensation, rippled in my stomach. Something I had for breakfast, nothing more. I opened my collar button, ran my hand around my neck, and waited tensely for the bottom of the plane to fall out.

For his next selection, Mr. Glossup pulled the throttle back, pulled the nose up higher and higher and higher until the plane stalled, and then fell spinning toward the mother planet. It was like falling down an elevator shaft in a top. The ground whirled around, revolving about a whirling cow. On each turn I tried to follow the beast out of the field of vision. It looked hideous with branches growing out of its side and a red-brick chimney between its ears. I closed my eyes. Everything seemed a reddish brown with a long tail swinging from it.

Mr. Glossup returned to level flight. "That was a normal spin," he said, unfolding his lore.

There was nothing normal about it. Perspiration ran down my face. I lifted my goggles and rubbed my eyes. Inside me there was much unsettled activity. I swallowed several times to restore order. An impotent rage welled up in me and focused itself on Glossup. Why couldn't he fly around quietly and smoothly and have a nice routine adventure, instead of going berserk in the void?

We had drifted closer toward Washington during all this horseplay. Smoke from the factories stretched



OVERSEAS WORKSHOP
CBC engineer-war correspondents, Paul Johnson (left) and Harold Wadsworth check equipment in Overseas Workshop

lazily upward. Odd I have never thought of getting a defense job in some vital industry. The work is steady, even if the air is bad, but fresh air isn't everything. Too much of it is bad for you. One out of two Indians is a physical wreck.
(To Be Concluded)

SUGGESTS RETURNED MEN BE INCLUDED IN SCHEME

Chairman Reeve John Bell, of the County Agricultural Committee, in submitting his annual report to the County Council urged that a survey of all townships in the county be made in an effort to ascertain just what could be done for the many farms now idle in agricultural production.

Unless something is done immediately it will not be long before the dairy and cheese industry is badly crippled, he claimed. Sales of the Madoc Cheese Board have dropped considerably due to the fact that the number of non-productive farms is increasing in that district.

Not only is this condition prevalent in this district but it is fast becoming evident in many other townships of the county, he said. It was suggested some scheme be made for the returning servicemen, many of whom are farmers.

One of the post war problems will be to get these farmers to return to

the farm and unless there is something attractive awaiting them it is not likely they will desire to return to the farm, thus abetting and creating the situation," Mr. Bell stated. "It is up to us to see that these now idle farms once more become productive."

"It is regrettable that we had to lose the position we held as cheese manufacturers," he said, "but this can be attributed to some extent to these idle farms throughout the county."

FRANKFORD MAN DIES IN WEST

Mr. Justice Charles Daniel Macaulay, 79, for 40 years a member of the

Territorial Court of the Yukon Territory, died at his home in Vancouver, Sunday morning. He had lived in Vancouver since his retirement in 1940.

He went to Dawson, Y.T., in 1901 as a stipendiary magistrate and a year later was elevated to the Territorial Court, the Supreme Court of the Yukon.

Born in Frankford, Ont., he graduated from Osgoode Hall at Toronto and practised in Belleville, Ont., until 1901.

Funeral services will be held Thursday.



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A delicious lunch of sandwiches and Christmas cake was served by the committee, and Miss Mae Currie on behalf of the ladies present, tendered a vote of thanks to the hostess and those preparing and assisting with the programme.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE THOS. R. SHAW

The funeral of the late Thomas R. Shaw, who passed away in Kapuskasing, Ont., on Wednesday, was held from the residence of his cousin, Mr. Harper Rollins, Mill St., at 3 p.m., on Friday last. The service was conducted by Rev. C. C. Brazil, rector of St. John's Church, assisted by Rev. W. H. V. Walker, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Members of Stirling Lodge, No. 69, A.F. & A.M., attended and performed the last rites of the order at the graveside.

A large number of floral offerings bore mute testimony to the high esteem in which the deceased was held by his friends and relatives and business associates. The pallbearers were Messrs. T. W. Solmes, V. Richardson, H. Francis, G. B. Bedford, W. L. Fox and R. W. Melkielejohn.

Interment in Stirling cemetery. Born in Stirling, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, he was educated in the local schools and resided here until about thirty-five years ago. As a young man he took an active part in athletics and was a member of the various teams representing this village. He was an employee of the Spruce Falls Power & Paper Co., in Kapuskasing and was held in high regard by a host of friends to whom his passing has brought genuine feelings of regret. Fraternally he was a member of Silver Lodge, No. 486, A.F. & A.M., Cobalt, and in religion a member of Kapuskasing Anglican Church. He leaves to mourn his wife.

Among those from out-of-town who attended the funeral were Mrs. Robert Shaw and father, Mr. James Low, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mitchell and daughter, Mrs. King, of Cobourg; Mrs. Allan Reid, Kapuskasing; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hamilton, Ridgeway, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Shaw and Mr. Robert Shaw, Ivanhoe, Ont.

Sidney Flier Awarded D.F.C.

According to a recent announcement made from Air Force Headquarters in Ottawa, P.O. Keith C. Fox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox, 5th Concession Sidney Township, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pilot Officer Fox, who completed 36 operational flights over enemy territory as a rear turret gunner was a member of the famous Moose Squadron of the RCAF Bomber Command. During his entire tour of operations he received no physical injuries but during a blackout he was thrown through a taxi windshield and badly injured about the face and head.

Following recovery from his taxi mishap P.O. Fox was listed as spare gunner for his squadron and from then until the completion of his operational tour served under several different pilots. He started with Halifaxes and ended up with the pride of the R.A.F. night bombers, the Lancasters.

Born in Sidney township, Keith attended public school at the "little red schoolhouse" only next door to his homestead, and completed his education at the Western Technical School in Toronto. He enlisted in the RCAF three years ago and after training as an air gunner proceeded overseas in May, 1943. A brother, Grant Fox, is a mechanic with an Ordnance Corps unit in Montreal.

Mrs. E. Nicholson, of this village is a sister.

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WEST HUNTINGDON

The December meeting of the Endeavour Class was held at the parsonage on Monday evening. Mr. Stewart conducted the worship period and following the business period the following officers were appointed for 1945.

President—Mrs. Frank Hammond.
1st Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Elmer Post.
Sec'y-Treas.—Mrs. W. J. Fitchett.
Planist—Mrs. John Moorcroft.
Teacher—Mr. Philip Carr, with Mrs. Tom Elliott and Mr. Clifford Elliott, as assistants.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cosby and Bob of Bonarlaw, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fargey and Mrs. Don Fargey.

Miss Sarah Wilson and Mrs. Arthur Wilson were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wannamaker, Stirling.

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Nominations Result In Election For Council And Board of Education

Reeve Wm. C. West and R. Eggleton, Hydro Commissioner, Given Acclamation

With less than fifty in attendance, nominations were held in the community hall on Friday night. As a result citizens will go to the polls on Monday next to select four members of council and three members of the Board of Education.

Reeve West, the only nominee for the position, was given an acclamation and will commence his fourteenth year in the Village council, twelve as Reeve, when the new council is sworn into office in January. Roy Eggleton was also acclaimed as Hydro Commissioner, the other nominees F. Stapley failing to qualify.

The meeting was presided over by Clerk Geo. H. Luery and nominations were as follows:

For Reeve Wm. C. West (acclamation)

For Council—Gilbert Thompson, E. G. Bailey, Harold Wells and W. T. Elliott of last year's council and J. V. Holt and R. T. Burgess.

For Board of Education—Dr. E. A. Carleton, Ewart Bailey, R. E. Fox and Dr. P. V. Helliwell.

For Hydro Commissioner—Roy Eggleton and F. Stapley.

Promptly at eight o'clock, Clerk Luery, declared the nominations closed and invited the nominees to a seat at the front of the hall.

Reeve Wm. C. West was the opening speaker and after expressing his appreciation for the confidence reposed in him by the electors, referred to the financial statement for the past year. He made a comparison of the various levies going to make up the tax rate over the past five years, showing the chief increases in the school rate and the general rate. Increased salaries were responsible for the upward trend, with nearly 7 mills of the general rate going to pay village officials, stated the Reeve. Tax collection during the past year was good and no properties were offered for sale at the county tax sale.

Referring to the work of the streets committee, he gave credit to councilor Bailey for the application of 1500 gals. of used motor oil to the streets as a dust allayer. The theatre, with net profits of \$1850, also drew special mention from the speaker, who complimented the manager and staff on their work.

In closing he said he was well pleased with the manner in which the different committees had worked, and no complaints had been made against the Village officials.

Councillor Elliott, chairman of the streets committee, was the next speaker, and spoke of his efforts in the reduction of hydrant rentals, which had meant some saving in taxes. With respect to the street paving, he said the job was satisfactory and if the county grant was as high another year he hoped to see this work extended. The County grant for 1944 was \$570 and the cost of the work \$540. In closing he thanked the ratepayers for the confidence reposed in him and asked for their support at the polls.

Councillor Wells stated council had saved the village over \$900 in interest over a term of years by paying off the new well debenture. A check had been made on the water services throughout the village, and resulted in an increased annual levy of between \$150 and \$200. He thought the incoming council should take some action in regard to snowshovelling. At present some citizens shovelled their walks while others did not. If the walks were plowed by the corporation this (continued on page eight)

TO OBSERVE 68TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eggleton, Mill St., will be at home to their friends on New Year's Day, it being their 68th wedding anniversary. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eggleton are enjoying comparatively good health and plan spending the day quietly, surrounded by their family and friends.

Brother Home From Overseas

Word has been received by Mrs. M. J. Black that her twin brother, Pte. Leonard Palmer, of the Saskatchewan Light Infantry arrived at his home in Bethune, Sask., for Christmas, after spending five years overseas. He was serving on the Italian front.

Township Councils Acclaimed

There will be no election in the adjacent Townships of Rawdon and Sidney, all of last year's officials being acclaimed at nomination proceedings on Friday last.

In Rawdon, W. J. Tanner is again Reeve, J. Morrison, Deputy Reeve, and A. Cook, Ed. Bateman, and Wilfred Spencer, councillors.

In Sidney Fred Wilson is Reeve; Sam Nicolson, Deputy Reeve, and Ben Blecker, Fred Campbell and Sam Danford, councillors.

Attend Junior Farmer Conference

Several Junior Farmers from Hastings County, along with H. L. Fair, local Agricultural Representative, are in Kemptonville attending a Junior Farmer Conference being held at the Kemptonville Agricultural School today and tomorrow.

Those making the trip are Burton Sharpe, of Stirling, President of the Hastings County Junior Farmers; Allan Ketcheson, vice-president; Edna Sine, secretary of the Sidney Township Group; Misses Jean Irwin, Cooper, Ont., and Jean Watson, of Maynooth, and Mr. H. L. Fair.

Promoted To Manager

Accountant at the local branch of the Bank of Montreal for the past nine years, Harold "Dinty" Moore has been promoted to the position of manager of the Branch in the village of Midland, Ont., in Bruce County. Mr. Moore came to Stirling from Gore Bay, and during his stay here has taken an active part in all community enterprises and is held in high regard throughout the district. He was a valued member of the village band for several years and took a keen interest in sport, serving as secretary-treasurer of the hockey club last year. He also is an officer of Keystone Chapter No. 72 R.A.M. Mrs. Moore has also given freely of her musical talent and will be greatly missed in the community.

It is expected Mr. Pepperall, of Chatham will fill the vacancy on the local bank staff. No date has been arranged for the transfer.

While regretting their departure, friends of Mr. and Mrs. Moore are pleased that Mr. Moore has received a well-earned promotion and join in wishing him every success in his new position.

Local Happenings of Interest About Town

When Mary Hullin, of Winnipeg, spent Christmas at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bell and David spent Christmas in Campbellford.

Carl Potter, of Peterboro, spent the Christmas week-end at his home here.

Mr. Harold Alcombrack, of Toronto, spent the week-end at his home here.

When Dorothy Hullin, of Ottawa, was home for the Christmas week-end.

Mr. C. Markell spent the Christmas holiday at his home in Wales, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Donohoe, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ingram and Mrs. G. W. Bailey.

Sgt. Robert Cooke, of St. Hubert's, was a Christmas visitor at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. V. Holt were Christmas guests of relatives at Lisle, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stapley, of Cobourg, are spending the Christmas vacation with relatives here.

Miss Beryl Linnen of the High School staff is spending this week at her home in Renfrew.

Mr. Gordon Cottom, of Collingwood, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Macklin spent the Christmas week-end with relatives in Cobourg.

Mrs. Doug. May and children were guests of her parents at Baltimore, Ont., for the week-end.

Billie McGee, of St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, is spending the Christmas vacation at his home here.

Sgt. and Mrs. Roy Juby, of Kingston, spent the Christmas holidays with relatives here.

Mr. Fred Devolin, of Toronto, is spending the Christmas vacation with relatives in Stirling.

CQMS A. McDonnell, of Barrie, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDonnell.

Barbara Roberts, of Lanark, is a guest this week of her cousin, Robert a Good.

Miss Kathleen McCrimmon, of the High School staff, is spending the vacation at her home in Alexandria.

Miss Lillian Macgillivray, of Toronto, spent Christmas at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Carleton.

Mr. Gerald Sprentall, of Welland, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sprentall.

Word was received last week by Mr. J. V. Holt, that his brother, Tpr. E. P. Carr, has arrived safely overseas.

Mrs. Jennett Utman spent Christmas at the home of her son, Mr. G. Irvin and Mrs. Irvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wells and family were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Bowerman, Cherry Valley.

Mrs. Nora Wescott and Mrs. Nina Morton, spent Christmas Day with friends in Peterboro.

Sgt. Colin Fox, of Clinton spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fox.

Miss Katherine Wright, of Toronto, is spending the vacation at her home here.

Miss Phyllis David, of Whitby, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. David.

Capt. and Mrs. Arthur Gould, of Peterboro, are guests this week of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gould.

Creighton McConnell, of Trinity College School, Port Hope, is spending the Christmas vacation at his home here.

Miss Norma Gray returned to Hamilton, on Tuesday, after spending the holidays with her parents at St. Paul's Parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray McGee, Mary Sue and Murray, Jr., of Leaside, were guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McGee, for Christmas.

Mr. J. H. O'Donnell, of Peterboro, was a guest of his brother, Mr. J. E. O'Donnell, and Mrs. O'Donnell, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Stapley spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hay, Campbellford.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Black entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ward, of town, and Cpl. and Mrs. John Dauncey, of Kingston, on Christmas day.

Sgt. A.G. Don Francis, of Mont Joli, spent the Christmas week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Francis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCutcheon and daughter of Saginaw, Mich., spent Christmas week with the former's mother, Mrs. Henry McCutcheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wells and family and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wells and family spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wells, Marmora.

Miss Margaret Bateman, of New York, spent the Christmas week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vance.

Sub-Lieut Russell West, RCNVR, Newfoundland, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. West.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bailey spent the Christmas week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. Bishop and Mrs. Anne Bailey at Lockport, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eggleton spent Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. L. Phillips, and Mr. Phillips, Belleville.

Douglas Patterson, RCNVR, St. Hyacinthe, Que., spent the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Heath and Donald, of Bethel, and Mrs. M. Hawkins, Stirling, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Rainie, of Menie.

Miss Pauline (Peggy) Townsend has returned to Belleville, after spending the Christmas holiday at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Strickland and family, spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Strickland, of Picton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Linn and son, Gordon, of Montreal, were holiday visitors at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Linn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whitehead, Glen and Mr. Rodger Meiklejohn were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hay, Campbellford.

Stoker Bob Luery of the West Coast and Mrs. Luery, of Nanapanee, were week-end guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Luery.

Miss Mary O'Donnell, R.N., of New York, and Miss Alice O'Donnell, of Toronto, spent the Christmas holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. O'Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Maynes and Bobby; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Emmerson, Tweed, and Mrs. T. Francis, Stirling, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Francis.

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Roads Blocked

Yesterday's snow storm followed by high winds during the night and today has blocked practically all the concession roads in this district. Rural mail couriers all started out this morning but it is doubtful if any outside of C. Gay, whose route along Highway No. 14, will complete their trip. The provincial snowplow, operating in this district is reported to be in Port Hope undergoing repairs.

Christmas Services

The Christmas Services in St. Paul's was well attended. At the morning service the Rev. David Gray took for his subject, "The Groups around the Manger Child." Two fine anthems were sung by the choir. The evening service opened a song service of Christmas Carols. Miss Margaret Gray and Mr. Ted Reynolds were the soloists. Mr. G. L. Clute presided at the organ.

Week of Prayer

Special services to mark the week of prayer will be held in local churches on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. On Tuesday, January 2nd, Rev. C. C. Brazil, rector of St. John's, will preach in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, while Rev. W. H. V. Walker will preach in St. Paul's United Church, on Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, and Rev. David Gray in St. John's Church on Thursday, Jan. 4th. The theme for the week is "The Lord's Prayer" and all services are at 8 p.m. All are invited.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vandervoort entertained the following guests on Christmas Day—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Weaver, Mr. Geo. Megginson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weaver and Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Weaver and Lois, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vandervoort and Rose Ann and Ralph W. Vandervoort of the University of Toronto.

Red Cross Notes

The few workers who turned up at the work-room last Friday afternoon got a double-decker thrill out of it. There was that snug little inner thrill because of putting comforts for the men in service ahead of give-and-get Christmas preparations; and there was the thrill of a very complete little Christmas party, combining a surprise party for guests who the man who looks after the local Red Cross work-room and belongings, guarding the latter with a zeal worthy of an English bobby—Wilfred Graver.

The party was planned by Mesdames Harold West and Ernest Cain, in charge of lunch for the day, assisted by Miss Della Caldwell, the lunch convener. The pretty set table held plates of Christmas cake, cookies and candy, and among the chairs set around it was one draped with a cosy, comfy bathrobe. When the President, Mrs. G. Bailey called Wilfred to come in and assigned him that chair—well, you should have seen the air of absolute nonchalance with which he tried to bluff the bunch! But he came to nicely when urged to try on the robe, and even ate his lunch in it, and by the time he had wrapped himself around a few cups of tea and all the rest, he was able to carry it lovingly out with a sweet seraphic smile covering everything!

While workers were scarce, a nice lot was accomplished. The sewers didn't need to tire out any one machine and the quilts didn't have to have elbows or needles come to close for comfort, so happiness reigned supreme. See what you missed? Well, see that it doesn't happen again!

School Grants On Graded Basis

Payments in 1945 Based On 1944 Operating Costs — Saving To The Taxpayers

Termed by educational experts as the greatest single advance in the field of education in over half a century the Drew Government's new education financing plan has been outlined in detail to all school boards, inspectors and principals of secondary schools.

Under the terms of the new plan in which the Government assumes 50% of the overall cost of education in this province such large cities as Toronto, Hamilton, London, Windsor and Ottawa will receive a government grant of 30% of their respective education costs.

Municipalities of 10,000 population and under 100,000 will receive grants equivalent to 35% of their costs and municipalities of 5,000 and under 10,000 will receive 42%. Municipalities with a population of 2,500 and under 5,000 will receive 50% and those with under 2,500 will receive 60%.

Determined to obtain the greatest possible equality of educational opportunity throughout Ontario the Government is stepping up its grant for rural public and separate schools. Areas in this category in which the assessment per classroom is \$80,000 or more will receive 50% of the approved cost of education. Others are as follows: assessment per classroom of \$50,000 to under \$80,000 will receive 60%; assessment per classroom of \$30,000 to under \$50,000 will receive 75% and assessment of less than \$30,000 will receive the maximum of 90%.

How Determined

The Department of Education pointed out that the "assessment per classroom" is to be determined by dividing the equalized assessment in counties and the actual assessment in territorial district of all the rateable property in the public school section or separate school organization by the number of public school classrooms or separate school classrooms within the public school section or separate school section.

The assistance to collegiate institutes, high school, and grade A and grade B continuation schools is based on 10 per pupil of average attendance for the preceding calendar year plus an additional grant. Where the mill rate is less than one mill it is 5% of the approved cost; two mills or more but less than three, 10%; three mills or more but less than five, 25%. The grant is increased by 5% for every increase in the mill rate up to a maximum of 75% for 15 mills or over.

For vocational and technical schools the assistance is as follows: A grant equal to the following percentage of the total salaries paid by the board to (continued on page eight)

- Coming Events -

SKATING WITH MUSIC AT STIRLING Arena, every Saturday night. Admission, Adults 25c; children, 15c 17-11

NEW YEAR'S DANCE — AUSPICES Sidney Junior Farmers. Stirling Community Hall, Monday, Jan. 1st. Austin's Orchestra. \$1.50 per couple 18-3

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE — AUSPICES Kinsmen Club, Tweed, I.O.O.F. Community Hall, Tweed, Monday morning, January 1st—12.05 — midnight—favours and noise-makers distributed—Melody Makers' orchestra. Admission \$1.50 per couple. Come and greet young Mr. 1945 with the Kinsmen Club of Tweed. 17-1

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Thursday, December 28th, 1944

LACK OF INTEREST

On several occasions in the past this column has deplored the lack of interest taken in municipal affairs by the majority of Stirling citizens, but we doubt if there ever was such a small attendance as on Friday night last. A counting of noses showed less than thirty outside of those nominated for municipal office in attendance.

The stores being open to accommodate Christmas shoppers kept merchants away, but there seems no reason other than indifference why there were not many more in attendance. Complete reports were given by the village officials on their year's activities and those who failed to attend are the losers.

Stirling is an up-to-date village, boasting fine schools, a public library, community hall, waterworks, cheap electricity, etc., of which all the citizens may well be proud, but it is quite disappointing to those who are carrying on the ratepayers' business to the best of their knowledge and ability to have only a small percentage of the ratepayers turn out to hear the reports of their activities.

Ratepayers who were not present at Friday's meeting have no reason to find fault if the municipal affairs are not conducted to their liking during the coming year.

MONDAY IS ELECTION DAY

Next Monday citizens of this village will decide by ballot the personnel of the council and the Board of Education for the coming twelve months.

Reeve Wm. C. West was returned by acclamation but there are six aspirants for the four council seats and four for the three seats on the Board of Education. For council Messrs. E. G. Bailey, G. Thompson, W. T. Elliott and H. Wells, J. V. Holt and R. T. Burgess are in the field, while Dr. E. A. Carleton, R. E. Fox, E. Bailey and Dr. P. V. Helliwell are the candidates for the Board of Education. Roy Eggleton also received an acclamation as Hydro Commissioner.

So far as the choice of candidates for the respective offices is concerned, we do not intend making any suggestions to our readers. The candidates are all highly respected citizens, any one of whom will do justice to whatever office he may be elected. But we do urge the citizens to get out and exercise their franchise.

It is more than a privilege that the elector faces when he casts his ballot. It is a duty. The citizen who has a vote has a definite responsibility to himself and his neighbour, and it is his duty to cast his ballot for the candidate he believes is the best qualified to render the best service to the community in which we live. We hope that next Monday the voters will turn out in large numbers and exercise their franchise. It makes no difference how you vote—so long as you vote. If the electors do this the incoming Council will be strengthened and encouraged in their deliberations with the knowledge that they have the majority of the ratepayers behind them.

YOUR NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

It's time to make your New Year's resolutions. Now that the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season are over, and

and in this way reach a greater degree of perfection in our individual callings. It is customary for many people to make resolutions at New Year's and whether or not they keep them for a length of time they are worth while. The very fact that one will sit down and think out just where he needs to improve himself is in itself well worth while, and if he succeeds in carrying it out he has accomplished something of which he may feel proud. So don't sit back this year and make no resolutions, because they are certain to do you some good, if only that you have taken stock of your actions. A clean sheet lies before you and it is up to you to make the best of it. The New Year will be just what we make it, so far as our individual lives are concerned.

J. L. CHURCHER RETIRING FROM MUNICIPAL LIFE

After twenty-five years in municipal life in North Hastings, two years of which was served in Montegale &

Herschel, two years in Faraday township and the past twenty-one years in Dungan township as councillor, clerk and reeve, Mr. J. L. Churcher announced his retirement from municipal life. Ill health in the family and a shortage of labour on the farm are contributing factors in his making this decision, but more particularly the fact that he has given twenty-one years of faithful service to his municipality, a long term of service for any one man to have completed.

In 1940 Reeve Churcher was honoured by being elected warden of Hastings County. For the past seven years he has been a member of the County Road Committee, considered one of the most important committees in County Council. In addition he has acted as chairman on several other committees.

Reeve Churcher has been an able debater at Shire Hall, upholding the interests of North Hastings when occasion warranted it. J. L. has been a popular member of County Council and his decision to retire from municipal life will be keenly felt by his colleagues at Shire Hall—Bancroft Times.

NEWS-ARGUS ADS. PAY

Questions and Answers

This column is sponsored by the Regional Office, Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Questions on price control rulings should be mailed to the Information Branch, Wartime Prices and Trade Board, Victoria Buildings, Brockville, Ont.

Q. Are butter coupons 90 and 91 valid?

A. Yes, butter coupons 90 and 91 become valid December 28.

Q. Is there a ceiling price on shell-nuts?

A. Yes, there is a price ceiling on both shelled and unshelled nuts.

Q. May I apply for extra butter, I run a boarding house and find my quota won't last until the end of the year?

A. No, definitely not. All quota users have been warned that no supplementary butter rations can be allowed. Your present supply must do until the end of the year.

Q. Are ration books 3 and 4 still valid?

A. Ration books 3 and 4 become invalid December 31.

Q. How many meals is a housewife

entitled to apply for extra rations for when serving meals to servicemen?

A. A housewife may apply for 3 meals a day. That is 6 meals for a 48 hr. leave, 9 meals for a 72 hr. and 12 for a 96 hr. leave. The maximum is 12 meals for a week-end leave. If the serviceman has five or more days he is issued with ration coupons by his unit.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

STIRLING

Mail and Express (Going West) — 6.00 a.m.

Mail and Express (Going East) — 10.30 p.m.

(Daily Except Sunday)

MADOC JUNCTION

Leave Madoc Junction for Madoc — 9.36 a.m.

Leaves Madoc Junction for Belleville — 1.10 p.m.

(Tuesday - Thursday - Saturday)

ANSON

Northbound — 1.25 p.m. — Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Southbound — 4.30 p.m. — Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.



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NEWS FOR THE BUSY FARMER

BRITAIN GRATEFUL FOR CANADA'S HELP

While the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference held in Ottawa December 4 and 6 was in session, Hon. James G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, received a cable from Colonel, the Right Hon. J. J. Llewellyn, British Minister of Food, which read in part:

"I am deeply grateful to you and all concerned in Canada for the splendid help given to the United Kingdom in sending food supplies. They have been of utmost value to this nation throughout the long years of war.

"I am particularly anxious that my grateful thanks should be expressed for the most helpful manner to the response to the appeal which I made last year in regard to the supply of bacon from Canada to United Kingdom in 1944. I hope that all those who are co-operating with you in Canada will take whatever steps are required to enable bacon exports in 1945 to reach the figure of not less than 600 million pounds. We shall need these supplies from Canada if our small ration of 4 ounces per week is to be maintained throughout the year.

"I am also very glad that arrangements are now going forward for the conclusion of contracts for 1946 for bacon and meat, and trust that contracts which should provide producers in Canada, with assured market and enable them to maintain production on a level required for both home consumption and export will shortly be completed on lines satisfactory to both countries."

NEED DAIRY PRODUCTS, MEATS, FEED GRAINS, SAYS MR. GARDINER

In an address that formally opened the 12th Dominion Provincial Agricultural Conference in Ottawa on December 4th, Hon. James G. Gardiner, Dominion Minister of Agriculture said: "There has only been one unexpected development throughout the war period, and that is in relation to beef cattle. The market at the beginning of the war for Canadian surplus beef cattle was in the United States and the Agricultural Department expected it to remain so. It would have, excepting for two things:

"First:—We needed all the hogs we could secure from the beginning of the war to supply Britain with needed

bacon and ham. Until our production reached the levels of 1943 it was impossible to secure the desired amounts without restricting pork consumption in Canada. This restriction resulted in increased consumption of beef in Canada.

"Second:—We had embarked upon price and wage control in Canada, which placed our prices on necessities such as beef on a lower level than in the United States. In order to maintain sufficient supplies of meat in Canada it became necessary to restrict shipments of beef or beef cattle to the United States.

"In the meantime, the United States has been supplying beef under lend-lease to Britain. Our hog and beef production has risen to the level where our own market has more of all kinds of meat than we can consume. It is suggested that any surplus we have should be marketed under our own Mutual Aid directly to Britain rather than through the United States. We are, therefore, marketing more beef in Britain now than we marketed in both the United States and Britain before the war.

Contracts Extended
"Last year I announced that we had entered into a two-year contract to deliver bacon and cheese to Britain. Since our meeting we have entered into similar contracts in eggs and beef covering the years 1944 and 1945."

Mr. Gardiner said he was pleased to be able to state that arrangements have been made to extend the contracts for bacon and ham and beef on a basis of the same quantities and the same price to the end of the year 1946. It is necessary to announce this now to assure farmers that there is a guaranteed market for present production for at least two more years.

"It is our intention," he continued, "as announced last year, to keep all these contracts renewed as far in advance as possible in order that farmers can plan ahead. Farmers who have yearling cattle are assured a market for them at present prices if properly finished. Anyone can, therefore, plan his feeding from now until December of 1946.

"In general terms the position is not greatly changed from last year. There is more wheat in sight than a market can be assured for. A market can be found for all dairy products and well finished live stock at least

until the end of 1946. The prospects assured for feeder cattle are better than ever before in that there is a guaranteed market at present prices for every stocker now on the market provided some feeder will finish it ready for slaughter.

"In addition to this the government is committed to take all restrictions off the shipment of beef cattle to the United States just as soon as the United States, British and Canadian war needs for proper distribution of essential foods makes it possible."

WELLMANS

(Too late for last week)

Mr. and Mrs. Art Dickens and family, Mrs. Frank Dickens and Myrna, Mrs. Clifford Clapp, Beverley and Marlene, Mrs. G. Dickens and son, Malcolm spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Yvonne.

Friends are sorry to report that Mrs. Maud Embury is ill and under the doctor's care.

Mr. Reg Dunham is spending a few days with his sister in Port Hope. Mr. George McGee has gone to re-

side with his son, Mr. Reg. McGee. Wellman's Sunday School held their annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday night and was largely attended. Santa Claus was there and distributed a large number of presents to the children.

Miss Donna McGee, took Tea Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Jackman and Gerald.

Miss Mina Dracup, took tea Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson and Miss Fay Fleming.

The correspondent of Wellman's News takes this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

SPRINGBROOK

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. MacConnell and family, Stirling, were Sunday guests of Mrs. C. A. MacConnell.

Miss Helen Wright, Bath, was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. Melkiohn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mason and boys were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Mason.

L.A.C. Clint Lough, Mrs. Lough and

Lola Marie were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Spry, Madoc.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baiman and family, Hylstone, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Johnston, on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gaunt and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Green and family, Stirling, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Heath,

on Sunday. Mr. Arthur Reid, R.C.M., Ivanhoe, was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harper Knox.

Major L. C. Bateman and Mrs. Bateman, of Vancouver, B.C., were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mumby.

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Financial Statement FOR THE VILLAGE OF STIRLING

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

From Jan. 1st to Dec. 15th, 1944

| | |
|---|------------|
| Balance from 1943 | \$ 5144.09 |
| Gov. Subsidy of 2 Mills | 897.31 |
| 1944 Taxes Transferred | 21272.84 |
| Arrears of Taxes paid | 2021.16 |
| Dog Tax | 156.00 |
| Fees, rents, fines | 23.90 |
| Non-resident Taxes | 2.80 |
| Bank Loans | 9000.00 |
| Rawdon School Tax | 1028.30 |
| Int. from Deb. | 1.00 |
| Women's Institute (Donations) | 25.00 |
| M.O.H. | 4.50 |
| Bata Shoe (rent for engine) | 150.00 |
| W. Elliott (grader) | 25.00 |
| Sam Bowen, plank | 3.00 |
| R. A. Patterson (snow shovelling) | 5.00 |
| Transfer from Cemetery to General (postage) | 18.36 |
| Transfer from Theatre (postage) | 1.75 |
| Transfer from Cemetery Current | 300.00 |
| (Administration) | 502.73 |
| Transfer from Water Works, rebate | 578.12 |
| Road Refund from Hastings County | 50.00 |
| Court Fees, R. H. & S. | 54.77 |
| Government Relief | 25.00 |
| Frankford (use of fire engine) | 25.00 |
| | \$41290.83 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Salaries | |
| Sam Eggleton | \$ 825.00 |
| H. Juby | 600.00 |
| Clerk | 250.00 |
| Treasurer | 150.00 |
| Collector | 150.00 |
| Assessor | 90.00 |
| Auditor | 100.00 |
| Fire Chief | 100.00 |
| Engineer | 150.00 |
| Fire Brigade | 282.00 |
| Honorariums | 204.00 |
| Selecting Jurors | 12.00 |
| W. L. Anderson | 5.00 |
| Earl Luey | 4.00 |
| J. E. O'Donnell | 8.00 |
| H. Potter | 40.00 |
| | \$2970.00 |

Roads and Walks

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Stirling Motor Sales | \$ 104.12 |
| Fred McCutcheon | 4.00 |
| Arthur Keegan | 2.50 |
| Brook's Mill | 1.90 |
| H. Ashley | 7.20 |
| H. Juby | 2.00 |
| Fred Elgie | 62.71 |
| George Belshaw | 62.50 |
| Sam Bowen | 6.00 |
| Bruce Stapley | 2.80 |
| A. Park | 11.25 |
| H. Morrow | 2.00 |
| W. Chambers | 56.28 |
| Claude Tucker | 2.00 |
| Don Tucker | 2.00 |
| Clinton McGee | 2.00 |
| Ernest Lake | 9.50 |
| Alfred Lake | 12.25 |
| Melkiohn Hardware | 80.00 |
| Huntingdon (grader) | 19.30 |
| Foster Wannamaker | 12.00 |
| Delbert Sine | 4.05 |
| Thos. Kerr | 2.25 |
| R. H. Williams | 54.68 |
| County Hastings | 50.64 |
| Wells Bros. | 8.30 |
| Stirling Feed Mill | 135.95 |
| B. Bell, snow shovelling | 149.42 |
| | \$1494.2 |

School Board

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| P. S. Balance of 1943 | 4000.00 |
| H. S. Balance of 1943 | 3000.00 |
| P. S. 1944 | 3000.00 |
| | \$10,000.00 |

Board of Health

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| A. E. Strickland | 3.00 |
| J. West | 50.00 |
| R. Hermis | 1.95 |
| M.O.H. Salary | 150.00 |
| M. O. H. | 12.50 |
| M. O. H., 6 special treatments | 15.00 |
| | \$232.45 |

All Debentures Paid

| | |
|--------------|-----------|
| Deb. 22 | 1103.73 |
| Deb. 17 & 27 | 529.87 |
| Deb. 28 | 470.80 |
| Deb. 34 | 1103.37 |
| Deb. 15 | 1557.10 |
| | \$3771.87 |

Miscellaneous

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Election Expenses | \$ 27.02 |
| Insurance | 300.74 |
| Printing and Advertising | 226.50 |
| Loans | 9000.00 |
| Parks, care and bulbs | 68.00 |
| Charity | 57.80 |
| Grant Agricultural Society | 100.00 |
| Relief | 20.00 |
| | \$10,000.00 |

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|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Hydrant Rentals | 1400.04 |
| Street Lighting | 1548.12 |
| Back Int. | 91.33 |
| Fire Hall | 73.45 |
| Safety Box | 3.00 |
| Stirling Motor Sales, repairing | 23.00 |
| Municipal World | 4.05 |
| Light Bulb | .84 |
| A. E. Strickland | .91 |
| Painting band stand | 13.20 |
| St. Paul's Shed, rent for public use | 65.00 |
| Ration Supplies, distribution | 1.18 |
| C. McGee | 11.00 |
| Registration, vital statistics | 41.60 |
| Exchange on cheque | 3.25 |
| Library | 614.96 |
| County Levy | 3267.67 |
| | \$17039.94 |

CEMETERY CURRENT ACCOUNT

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Balance from 1943 | \$ 1281.73 |
| 1944 Collections | 837.25 |
| Int. Earned by Trust Fund | 228.08 |
| Transfer from General Ac't. | 40.00 |
| | \$2387.06 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| H. Potter | \$22.00 |
| S. Bowen | 32.00 |
| Tras. Salary | 1.55 |
| Mr. Lummis | 150.00 |
| Munroe Bros. | 1.40 |
| Water Works | 10.00 |
| Stirling Motor Sales | 15.25 |
| Melkiohn Hardware | 12.38 |
| R. B. Duffin | 5.00 |
| R. H. Williams | 6.95 |
| W. Cairns | 7.00 |
| Postage | 18.36 |
| General Account | 300.00 |
| Cemetery Trust | 10.00 |
| Stirling Feed Mill | 1.50 |
| | \$1393.09 |
| Balance in Bank | \$993.97 |
| | \$2387.06 |

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| In Bank from 1943 | \$ 62.50 |
| Perpetuities Paid: | |
| Mr. Geo. Heagle | \$ 66.67 |
| Mrs. Acile Reid | 66.67 |
| Ward Estate | 66.67 |
| Mrs. Blanche Reid | 33.33 |
| Thos. Cranston Estate | 66.67 |
| Mr. Geo. B. Thompson | 66.67 |
| Mr. Gilbert Thompson | 50.00 |
| Fred McGee Estate | 66.67 |
| Mrs. Nicolson Estate | 33.30 |
| Principal Paid on Deb. | 2863.36 |
| Bank Int. | .32 |
| Int. from Deb. | 66.81 |
| Int. from Bonds | 158.00 |
| | \$ 3670.59 |

Investments and Dispersals:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Victory Bonds purchased | \$ 228.08 |
| The earned interest and transferred | 442.51 |
| Balance in bank | \$3670.59 |

THEATRE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| In Bank from 1943 | 668.20 |
| Community Rentals | 130.00 |
| Theatre Net proceeds | 180.00 |
| Library and Equipment | 151.25 |
| Hydro share of coal | 3.00 |
| | \$2795.45 |

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Water System | \$ 30.24 |
| Hydro | 164.80 |
| Livingstone Stoker | 39.20 |
| Can. Performing Rights Society | 27.03 |
| Coal, Hadley | 464.45 |
| H. C. Martin, Insurance | 75.00 |
| Wilfred Graver, fixing tables | 3.00 |
| Carl Conley | 5.89 |
| Clinton McGee | 4.70 |
| Stirling Motor Sales | 3.20 |
| Dominion Stores | 54.43 |
| Arthur Keegan | 2.00 |
| Fred Elgie | 1.75 |
| Melkiohn Hardware | 625.00 |
| General Account, postage | 3208.34 |
| Salary, Wilfred Graver | 791.11 |
| | \$3795.45 |

DEBENTURE REPORT

| No. | Description | Year Pay. | Yrs. to Run | Rate % | Unpaid Prin. |
|---------|------------------|-----------|-------------|--------|--------------|
| 15 | C. & S. Building | \$1657.10 | 5 | 6 | \$ 420.44 |
| 17 & 27 | Street Paving | 529.87 | 10 | 6 | 36800.00 |
| 28 | H. S. Heating | 470.80 | 18 | 4 | 11858.79 |
| 30 & 31 | Water System | 1103.73 | 14 | 6 | 1165.89 |
| 32 | H. S. Addition | 357.54 | 14 | 4 | |
| 34 | New Well | 1103.37 | 14 | 4 | |
| 34 | H. S. Extra | | | | |
| | | | | | \$53846.12 |

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Mystery Man Takes Baby To Hospital Then Vanishes Into The Night

That heading sounds like the title page of a mystery novel by Edgar Allan Poe, but it isn't. It happens to be the beginning of a real life story. That of Baby "X".

Our story opens in the Emergency Ward at the Hospital for Sick Children late one evening not so long ago.

Suddenly, from the gathering dusk outside, there appeared a well-dressed man. In his arms he held a baby, carefully wrapped in a blanket.

At once the nurses and doctor on duty sprang into action. Brief examination showed the child to be suffering from a spinal injury.

The strange part of the story is, that when the doctor turned to question the supposed father of the child, he could not be found. Quietly he had come, and as quietly had gone away.

At the time there was no way of knowing to whom the baby belonged, so pending investigation, the little patient went on the Hospital register as Baby "X".

NO CHILD KNOCKS IN VAIN
However, this incident was really nothing new in the history of the Hospital for Sick Children, whose doors have never been closed since the day they first opened nearly 70 years ago. During all those years no child has ever knocked there in vain.

All who are in need are cared for and nursed back to health. No distinction is ever made. Regardless of race, creed or the ability of parents to pay, children are given medical aid and nursing care.

Accident cases, children with deformed backs and limbs, defective eyesight, rare diseases and physical disabilities are nursed back to health.

AMONG THE BEST
No matter where you may search on the North American Continent you will not find any hospital of similar type with a better record of low cost operation, or with a higher standard of efficiency. This fact is well known and fully recognized in the hospital world today.

There are over eighty physicians and surgeons on the staff of the Hospital for Sick Children, all of them leading specialists in child ailments. These men give their services free to all public ward patients.

NOT SELF-SUPPORTING

The Hospital is not self-supporting and the reason for this is not hard to find.

Only 5% of the Hospital's little patients are able to pay the full cost of their care.

of their care. 414 of the 432 cots are in Public Wards where the cost per patient last year was approximately \$1.50 per day more than the combined income from patients (not their municipalities) plus the Government grant.

Children of tender age must have individual care. This requires special diets, medicines, orthopaedic appliances, physiotherapy, and many other items essential in medical cases are costly expenses not covered by Government or Municipal grants.

WHEN EMERGENCY THREATENS

At all times the Hospital must be kept fully staffed, equipped and ready to cope with any emergency. It is a serious matter if immediate attention cannot be given to accident cases. And prompt aid must also be available for children with deformed backs and limbs, with defective eyesight, and with rare diseases. If it is not forthcoming, permanent disfigurement, deformity or chronic disease all too often result.

Fourteen days is the average stay in the Hospital. But unfortunately, there are many patients who must receive medical treatment and nursing care for weeks; sometimes for months, and in some cases for years.

THERE IS NO OTHER WAY

These are the reasons why, each year about this time the Hospital must appeal for funds to meet operating losses and to carry on its vital and important work.

There is no other way. Were it not for the generosity of sympathetic and understanding people, business organizations, societies, clubs, etc., the work of the Hospital could not be maintained on its present scale.

This year \$115,000 must be raised. Because of the fact that patients are admitted from every part of the Province, the Hospital does not share in the funds collected through Toronto's United Welfare Chest appeal. Therefore it must make its own appeal, and it does so, confident in the knowledge that generous and understanding people will come to the aid of little children who depend on them—and them only—for a chance for health, a chance to take their place in the years to come, as members of a prosperous and industrious society.

Since no canvassers are employed by the Hospital, please send your gift addressed to—The Hospital for Sick Children, 67 College Street, Toronto 2.



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Rev. W. H. V. Walker, Minister
Sunday, December 31st, 1944
11.00 a.m. Sunday School and Morning Worship.
2.30 p.m.—West Hastingdon.

Rawdon Circuit
Rev. T. F. Townsend, B.A., B.D., Minister
Sunday, December 31st, 1944
11.00 p.m.—Wellmans.
Other Services cancelled

St. Paul's United Church
Rev. David Gray, Minister in Charge
Sunday, December 31st, 1944
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
"What Stands Behind the Door?"
2.00 p.m.—Carmel Sunday School.
3.00 p.m.—Public Worship.

GRACE CHAPEL

Sunday, December 31st, 1944
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—The Lord's Supper.
Gospel Service—7.30 p.m.

hour and was well rendered with several star parts.
Miss Betty McConnell dedicated the number to the memory of Stephen Foster, who was born in 1826. Mr. Jack Rose was the spirit of Stephen Foster, outlining the various songs which had been written throughout the years and picturing his life history.

Eleanor Johnson took the part of Stephen's wife, Jeannie and sang, "Jeannie with the Light Brown Hair." A Dunkley depicted the old negro butler in whose memory, "Old Black Joe" was written and he sang that number.

Marguerite Stone sang, "Down in Alabama" and ten pupils presented an old fashioned quadrille.

The girls wore beautiful floor-length gowns, some fashioned of crepe with plenty of ruffles and others in chiffon. The pupils sang several of Foster's well-known plantation songs and a group of boys were heard in a couple of songs and a trio also contributed a number. Neil Hubble rendered, "Beautiful Dreamer."

The items throughout received hearty applause and the Cantata was well appreciated.

The programme closed with another chorus, "Bells Across the Snow."

Ovation were given to the teachers, pianist, and music teacher, and it was moved that a message be sent Mr. Roy Thrasher, who is ill in Belleville Hospital.

Santa Claus arrived and delighted the children with his gifts and another pleasant evening ended happily.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bush, River Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Forde Stapley, Halloo-way; Misses Helen and Joan Stapley; Miss Lorraine Grills, English Line; Mr. Stewart Hoover, Wellmans; Mrs. Jas. Watson, Campbellford; Mr. Geo. Stone, Belleville; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McKeown; Misses Vivian and Ruth Welbourn, Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur McCoy, Eldorado; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sharp and family; Mrs. Walt Sharp and Miss Eleanor Brown, Hordas; were among the guests who attended the Christmas concert.

Mrs. Jas. Watson, Campbellford, is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Gordon Linn.

Mr. George Stone, Belleville, spent the Christmas holidays with his family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest White.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur McCoy, Eldorado have been holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McConnell.

Miss Doris Sine spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Mowat Sine, at Salem.

Tuesday, December 19th, was a red letter day on the Fourth Concession when the mail courier delivered the mail to the boxes for the first time in over a week, the previous trip being Monday, December 11th. The snow on Wednesday the 13th spoiled the road for cars so no mail, on Thursday, it arrived via old dobbin and the cutter, and Friday and Saturday, 22nd and 23rd by car and on Tuesday, Dec. 20th, the roads were again heavy for cars so folks walked a mile in order to get Saturday's daily paper.

Pte. Lorne White, Fort Colouagne, Quebec, spent Christmas week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest White.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Reid, John and Gordon, were Christmas week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harvie, Brighton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spencer and Marion, Toronto, visited the Spencer families during the Christmas week-end.

On Sunday afternoon at Mount Pleasant United Church, the pastor spoke on the subject, "Bells and Bugles." The choir rendered an anthem and Mrs. Townsend contributed a vocal selection. At the Sunday School period a gift was placed on a pretty decorated Christmas tree for the pastor.

There will be no service at Mount Pleasant, on Sunday, Dec. 31st, as Holy Communion will be celebrated at Wellman's United church at 11 a.m., with official Board meeting on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. at Wellmans.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Sine, Muriel and Doris, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Sine and Mrs. H. Sine, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mowat Sine, Salem, on Christmas.

Pte. Ormel MacMullen, Camp Borden, spent a few days at Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy MacMullen.

Master Wilnot Scott, of O.S.D., Belleville, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scott.

Mr. Dave Sturgeon, is spending a week with his mother, Mrs. George Sturgeon, at London.

Sterling Cheese and Butter Company held their annual meeting at the 4th Line Factory, on Wednesday, Dec. 20th. Mr. John Morrison was chairman and the guest speaker was Mr. George Pollard, of Stirling.

Mr. Walter Warren has completed his first year as president with Mr. C. M. Sine, auditor.

For the season of 1944 there were 2544695 pounds of milk; 205840 lbs. of cheese. The value of milk per Standard was 44.01, and the patrons were paid \$37333.31, with a subsidy of Dom. Bonus, \$2262.51. It cost \$4852.20; Prov. Bonus \$3846.34 and 4116.80 to manufacture 205840 pounds of cheese. The patrons received 1289.58 for their cream.

Mrs. Edith Sharp, Wellmans and Mrs. E. Summers are staying at Brinkworth during Mr. Thrasher's illness, where he underwent an operation in Belleville hospital last Wednesday.

W.M.S. Meeting
The Christmas meeting of Mount Pleasant-Rawdon Women's Missionary Society was held on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at the home of Mrs. Edgar McKeown, Bethel, with twelve members in attendance.

Mrs. Ross Hoard presided at the piano and all sang, "Silent Night."

Mrs. T. F. Townsend presided and Roll Call was answered with Christmas poems and Bible verses. Miss Muriel Sine read the minutes and a motion was passed that new secretary and treasurer books be ordered by the Literature Secretary for 1945.

Mrs. Percy MacMullen read a letter of thanks for the lovely pale, valued at fifty-one dollars shipped to Miss Ruth Lanigan, under the auspices of the Mission Band. Two new members fees were received. Mrs. Arthur Phillips opened the mite-boxes and the sum of 19.32 was realized.

The President read a letter from Mrs. Macklin re the Library Fund and a special 10c tea will be held in January at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Weaver.

Mrs. Sid Demorest gathered the offering which amounted to almost 8 dollars and this was dedicated by Mrs. John Holmes.

Mrs. Kenneth Weaver outlined a chapter of the Study Book entitled, "People of Island India". When the second world war broke out, many countries with strong missionary forces had no way of assisting their workers abroad so the International Missionary Council was asked to help, as the book is studied readers will understand better the words of a Christian pastor when he said, "The Ground is level at the foot of the Cross."

A Canadian Friendship candlelighting service prepared by Miss Winnifred Thomas in the Missionary Month-ly was given in three parts, with Miss

A Happy New Year

FATHER TIME

Has given warning that another year is soon to end, so may we take this opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation for the Friendship and Co-operation of all our loyal customers

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FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

To the Electors of Stirling:

Having accepted a nomination as School Trustee, I kindly solicit your vote and influence for my re-election on Monday next.

If elected I pledge my best effort in the interests of the ratepayers.

R. EARL FOX

Vote WELLS

FOR COUNCILLOR

For a Continuance of SANE and PROGRESSIVE Government

With every Good Wish for our citizens in the year 1945

HAROLD J. WELLS

Muriel Sine, Mrs. Sid Demorest, Miss Edna Huble, Mrs. Kenneth Weaver, Mrs. Frank Jeffs, Mrs. Percy MacMullen, Mrs. George Weaver, Mrs. Edgar McKeown, assisting the president. A lovely picture of "The Madonna and Child" by Raphael graced the worship centre. During the Worship service several musical numbers, hymns, solo and duets were rendered. At the close the hostess served a dainty lunch and Mrs. John Holmes poured from the silver tea service. Mrs. McKeown was thanked for hospitality.

The ladies enjoyed visiting the hostess in her new home at Bethel and hope she will often visit the W.M.S. at Mount Pleasant.

ISSUES OF DECEMBER 14th WANTED

Copies of the December 16th issue of the News-Argus have been in demand. We would appreciate it if any of our subscribers would return their copy providing they have no further use for it. Thank you.—The Editor.

For Board of Education

RE-ELECT

EWART S. BAILEY

To the Ratepayers of Stirling, Rawdon and Sidney School Section:

Having accepted a nomination for the Stirling Board of Education, I again appeal to the electors of Stirling Union School Section for their support and influence in my re-election. During my tenure of office, it has been my constant aim to work for the interests of the ratepayers, always keeping in mind the efficiency of our schools, and if re-elected I promise to pursue the same policy.

Wishing you the best of everything in the Coming Year.

EWART S. BAILEY

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FOR SALE—Anyone wishing to get a nice small quarter of beef, phone John Morrison, 603, Stirling. 14-11

FOR SALE—Soft wood, cut any length, and cedar posts. Arthur Burkitt, phone 540, Bonarlaw. 16-3

STRAYED — A heifer strayed on to the premises of John Morrison, Lot 5, Con. 5, Rawdon. Owner may have same by proving property and paying expenses. 15-31

FOR SALE—Four Holstein Bulls, Holstein heifer calf; 4 holstein cows; 6 heifers, 2 and 3 years old, 3 horses; also geese and turkeys for breeding purposes; also 2 brood sows. H. B. Fanning, phone 225. 17-11

FARM FOR SALE—100 Acres, Lot 13, Con. 12, Township Rawdon. Good house, barn and outbuildings. Well at door. Hydro available. Close to school and cheese factory. Apply to Mrs. Elizabeth Green, Bonarlaw, Ont. 16-31p

FOR SALE—One good oak dining room table, with leaf to seat 12; 6 strong chairs, with perforated bottoms and rocking chair to match; two small tables, bedstead and springs; copper bottom boiler; washing machine, with wringer. Mrs. Allan Bailey, phone 452, Stirling. 17-11

"PLEASED WITH LAST YEAR'S Chicks, enclosed is order for next year." "Never had a flock as large and well developed at 3 months" so write our customers of Kitchener Big-4 Chicks. See agent here, place order now and take advantage of early order discount. Agent Robert L. Hulin, Stirling.

Springbrook Cheese Co.

The annual meeting of Springbrook Cheese and Butter Company will be held in the factory on Saturday, Dec. 30th at 1:30 p.m. for transaction of general business.

Geo. E. Thompson, Pres. 17-11

SHAMROCK CHEESE CO

The annual meeting of Shamrock Cheese Company will be held in the factory on Friday, Dec. 29th, at 1:30 o'clock for the transaction of general business.

16-2 T. W. Donohoe, Pres.

Voters' List, 1944

MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RAWDON — COUNTY OF HASTINGS

Notice is hereby given that I have compiled with section 7 of the Voters' List Act and that I have posted up at my office in Bonarlaw, on the 12th day of December, 1944, the list of all persons entitled to vote in the said municipality at Municipal elections, and that such list remains there for inspection. And I hereby call upon all voters to take immediate action to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law

Dated at Bonarlaw, Dec. 12, 1944.

15-3 W. J. Barlow, Clerk of Rawdon

FULLER

Once again Christmas has come and gone. Santa Claus made his trip as usual making all good little boys and girls happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Adams and girls spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tanner, Stirling.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilson; also Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson and family; also Mrs. W. Dean, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hagerman, at Corbyville.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Redcliffe, were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Borden Redcliffe and Laird.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Dean and Evelyn; also Mr. Adam Dean, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. Pauley, Springbrook.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Kellar were Mr. and Mrs. Elton Switzer and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Carman Kellar and daughter, of Belleville; also Mr. Arthur Corday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Farney and family, Ridge Road, took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rollins.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wickens and Elaine; Mrs. Cooney and boys were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Murney Morland.

Mr. John Geen spent Christmas at his daughter's, Mrs. Wilbur Sherry, Thomasburg.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Irvine and Reginald; also Douglas Williams were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Irvine, Holloway.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brough were Mr. and Mrs. F. Brough and Glenn; Mr. Bill Roland; Mrs. Addie Wallace, Stirling.

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LISTEN Thurs., Dec. 28 to PREMIER GEORGE DREW 7.15 p.m. CHEX

BIRTHS

KIRK—At Belleville General Hospital on Wednesday, December 27th, 1944 to Mr. and Mrs. David Kirk, of Stirling, a daughter.

THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends in Stirling for their kindly thoughts toward me during my illness. After a few months' rest I will be back in Stirling again. Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Doug. May, Brantford, Ont.

Rev. and Mrs. MacDonald and family took tea with Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson on Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson and family; also Mr. and Mrs. Garance Bird and girls spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morland. School Concert Much Enjoyed

On Wednesday night the school children sponsored a very enjoyable Christmas concert at the school house. Rev. Mr. MacDonald acted as chairman.

The programme was as follows:—

Welcome, by Earlene Kellar; Acrostic and Welcome Song, 7 children; The First Nowell—Chorus by the School; Chairman's Address; Mother's Always Do—Recitation by Bertha Thompson; Playing School—Dialogue; Santa Claus Will Soon Be Here—song by Earlene, Bertha, Madeline, Bruce, Dorothy, Ross and Jean; What Mother Goose's Children Want for Christmas—Recitation by Eva Morgan; Action Song—by 4 girls; Santa's Cake—recitation by Ross Post; Friday

Afternoon Program—dialogue; Choosing the Stocking—recitation by Hillard Kellar; Joy to the World—song by Jean Post and Douglas Williams; The Dream—recitation by Doreen Adams; Upside Down Drill—5 pupils; Tomorrow Will Be Christmas—song by Doreen, Earlene, Eva, Hillard, Carl and Jean; A Good Little Boy—Recitation by Carl Morgan; Silent Night, Action song by 3 girls; The Crippled Dolly—Recitation by Madeline Wheeler; Puzzle in Names—Recitation by Dorothy Mitts; Sue's Beau to Dinner—Dialogue; There's a Jolly Old Man—Song by 9 pupils; Willie and Annie's Prayer—recitation by Mrs. Wheeler; Ring Merrily Bells—Song by 2 pupils, Fern Kellar and Jean Post; The Story of the Star—Recitation by Jean Post; It came upon a midnight clear—Chorus by the school; Christmas Remembrance—by Fern Kellar; Old Santa Claus—Song by 5 pupils, Ruby, Fern, Douglas and Bert. Distribution of Gifts by Santa Claus.

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Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William Donaldson, 21 Pine Street, Belleville, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, on Sunday, December 17th. They resided on the 2nd Con. of Thurlow, before moving to Belleville.

Mrs. Donaldson was formerly Miss Martha Grills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grills. They had one daughter, Mrs. Fred Mitchell, who died fifteen years ago, they have two grandsons, Manley and Donald, who live in Thurlow. During the afternoon over fifty relatives and friends "invaded" their home to spend a few happy hours with them.

Mr. W. Moorman, of Belleville was chairman for the occasion, and said it was a great pleasure to be present as he was their groomsman of fifty years ago, and spoke of some of the happenings of the event.

He then called on Manley Mitchell to read the address. Donald Mitchell and his half-sister, Freda, presented them with a beautiful wedding cake and a bouquet of yellow roses, they also received a number of gifts, cards, and bouquets of flowers from other friends.

Belleville, Ont.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson,

On this, the occasion of your Golden Wedding Anniversary, we your relatives and friends, take this opportunity of offering you our heartiest congratulations on achieving fifty years of happy married life, you have ever exemplified to us the highest ideals to which any married couple might aspire and we sincerely hope that many more years of useful living may be yet accorded to you.

You both have always been found to be sympathetic neighbours ever ready to lend a helping hand to those in distress and trouble.

Can it be that it is fifty years today since you were married, during those flying years you have experienced sadness and have enjoyed gladness and happiness, the sorrows were God's will, the happiness will live forever, God has been good to spare you both so well in health and we trust shall continue for many years to come.

As a token of our appreciation we ask you to accept these gifts as a souvenir of the occasion and may they remind you of the many happy years we have spent in your company. 'Tis not the weight of gold,

Or the fondle of silk or fur; 'Tis the spirit in which the gift is given,

As the gifts of the wise men were; And we are not told whose gifts was gold

Or whose was the gift of myrrh. Signed on behalf of your relatives and friends.

Mr. Walker Grills read a letter of congratulations from their brother-in-law, Rev. W. J. Hyde, of Overland, Mo. Rev. J. G. Hornsby, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, was present, he made a few remarks, after which he offered prayer.

Mr. Fred Mitchell then sang when your hair has turned to silver, and all sang, "Blest be the Tie That Binds."

Treats of fruits, candies, nuts and wedding cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson though taken by surprise thanked all for coming to celebrate with them.

MADOC JUNCTION

Misses Barbara, Annie and Mrs. Hector Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adams and Eric, of Belleville, Miss Lillian Wood, Mr. Carl Potter, of Stirling, were guests over the holiday of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Reid, Carl and Marilyn, spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. John Lawerson, of Plainfield.

Pte./Harold Stapley, of Debart, N.S. spent a few days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Stapley.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Stapley and Clare, of Cobourg, Mr. and Mrs. Harold West of Stirling, were guests on Sunday of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Stapley.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harlow, were guests over the weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Roy White, of Harwood.

Miss Dorothy Pidgeon, graduate nurse, of Peterboro, spent a few days with friends here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith, of Holloway, spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gallivan.

Mrs. George Eggleton spent a day recently with Mrs. W. Harlow.

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FOR THE 1945 COUNCIL

RE-ELECT

GILBERT THOMPSON

Your vote and support are solicited. If elected I will do all within my power for the benefit of the village.

Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year

GILBERT THOMPSON

Citizens of Stirling:

Again I wish to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for the confidence you have placed in me by acclaiming me again as your Reeve for 1945.

The welfare of Stirling and its citizens will have my honest consideration while serving you through these trying years of warfare.

While my name will not be on the ballot I urge you to do your duty, by going to the polls on New Year's Day and voting.

Trusting 1945 will finish successfully this terrible war for the Allies, when all members of the armed forces can return to the life of their heart's desire and bring Peace and Good Will to all.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Yours truly,

Wm. C. West

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YOUR VOTE

Will be appreciated and will be a stepping stone in this direction. Have work here in Stirling for our boys when they come home

Happy New Year

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Russell Pyear, Stirling.
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Realism and Idealism

As expressively indicative of the significant reaction along Parliament Hill at this momentous time to the fierce fighting and seriousness of the situation on the war fronts, it can be intimated now that it has been known behind the scenes for a considerable period that the authorities in the capital were becoming weary gradually and their patience was being exhausted slowly with the importunate and repeated demands of many people throughout Canada for the complete removal or the relaxation of certain wartime restrictions whenever there was any measure of military success. These requests were urged with troublesome pertinacity. Of course, when the demands of these Canadians who wrote or sometimes came to the capital to press their claims, were refused in whole or in part, there was a loud and continued outcry against the authorities. However, it is hinted now in well-informed quarters in the capital that such serious possibilities or probabilities have always been recognized by the authorities in Ottawa so that the officials seem to be less shocked by the latest happenings on the war fronts than many other Canadians, though there is no pretense by authorities to minimize this dangerous period of the war and there is even a suggestion that it should be taken as a lesson for future reference, especially for a proper understanding of governmental policies in the coming early months of 1945.

Report of Competition

It has become known in Ottawa that some efforts are being considered by certain United States airline companies to obtain permission to operate between the capital of Canada and the United States capital, Washington, with one rumour saying that the Canadian Colonial Airlines, a subsidiary of the United States-owned Colonial Airlines and the Pennsylvania General Airlines are seeking such rights. But at the same time it is said that this right will more than likely remain with the Canadian-owned, Trans-Canada Airlines, though various stories of different plans are circulating without foundation.

Commissions of Inquiry

Within a relatively short time there will be functioning no less than three Royal Commissions with authority from Ottawa to investigate and to report on a number of delicate issues. One Royal Commission, under the leadership of former Chief Justice Ives of Alberta, will undertake to find out two points about taxation which have proven quite perplexing and intricate, including the question whether an annuity is a capital or income. Another Royal Commission, under Mr. Justice Carroll of Nova Scotia, will probe the fuel situation throughout this country in order to settle this troublesome problem in a satisfactory manner for all concerned, if possible. The third Royal Commission, headed by Mr. Justice M. McDougall of the Court of King's Bench in Montreal, will endeavour to look into the taxation of cooperatives in Canada, including inquiries to determine whether the income tax excess profits tax acts should apply to co-operatives or not, whether the acts should be applied to persons doing business analogues to co-operative methods, and so forth. There is intense interest in Ottawa over the operation of these three Royal Commissions during the coming weeks, judging by conversations on Parliament Hill.

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THE MIXING BOWL

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Hello Homemaker! Whatever happens in this world, nothing can alter one little star from its appointed course. Nothing can prevent the season's rolling round; nor the wishes in the hearts of all from trying for their best fulfillment. You can't help getting the Christmas spirit. Everyone gets it. One tradition of this holiday is getting together around the family hearthfire to express this kindred spirit.

Festive food will contribute towards this joyful event. For the invitation to eat, pass a tray of fruit juice cocktails of raspberry or cherry juice or a combination of juices and a sprig of mint or green cherry for interest. The cheese tray is presented at the same time filled with the kinds of tidbits. Cheese crackers with olive mixture spread, soda biscuits with minced sausage relish, zwieback, carrot curls, pickles, radish roses, celery curls, turnip sticks are suggestions.

The main course is served to the crowd buffet-style, too. Something deluxe and delicious, served in attractive dishes will contribute towards a successful evening. Remember, this is an occasion between Christmas and New Years and since everyone is somewhat tired and stuffed yet, we believe you should serve a light party lunch.

SUGGESTIONS

Hot open LOBSTER SANDWICHES
JELLIED STAR salad of diced chicken, celery, green pepper in aspic; WEDGIES of 4 slices minced ham or bologna spread with cream cheese, grated onion and mustard, placed together layer cake fashion and cut into triangles; PORK PARCELS of a small amount of sausage-meat rolled in biscuit dough and with pieces of green pepper put in slashes the shape of a bow; CHICKEN FRICASSE or veal a la King in toasted bread cups; YULETIDE SALAD made of orange, grapefruit, apple sections in petal shape and the centre made of cottage cheese, chopped nuts and halves of cherries; CREAMED MUSHROOM over diced turkey on toast.
Dessert is where you can provide

something to maintain staunch friendship by a sparkling or aromatic dish.

An easy dish to have ready is a steaming spiced sauce poured over warmed doughnuts and garnished with red and green maraschino cherries. If you are fortunate to have an electric refrigerator, the refreshing food to serve is a SHERBET or ICE CREAM accompanied by crisp cookies or plain cakes. MOULDED FRUIT in green and red gelatin flavoured with fruit juices. Rewards are high in favour if you garnish a FRUIT CUP with chocolate beads, steamed mixed peel or coloured honey. Graham wafers put together with mincemeat and cheese are good if thoroughly chilled first.

Even if it's an after-theatre snack, the piece of CHRISTMAS CAKE may be served with a variety of beverages during the holiday week. Coloured ice cubes in chilled fruit juices, milk shakes, egg nog, sodas, frosted chocolate or hot cocoa, spiced tea or coffee are special hints.

TAKE A TIP

1. When carving turkey, first cut through the leg, crack the joint, and then disjoin the leg from the turkey. Cut the breast in medium thick slices, not in chunks. Use a sharp knife.
2. Turnips make an excellent garnish. Cut in silvers and chill in electric refrigerator for an hour.
3. If you spill pumpkin filling over the edge of the crust it is likely to burn during baking. Avoid this by pouring only part of the filling into the crust, put it in the oven, then pour in the balance of the filling.
4. Mix a little powdered sage into the next batch of baking powder biscuits. Use them for creamed chicken shortcakes.
5. Grilled chicken livers with curried rice and pieces of broiled bacon make a supper dish that's a real treat.
6. Fry a slice of ham to a dark brown colour. Take it out of pan and, after taking out enough fat to make a thickening with flour, add 2 cups of milk. Season, add the flour and fat and stir until smooth. Serve with baked potatoes.

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charge from military service. Finally, a report has stated that quite a large expenditure has been involved in furnishing or establishing new offices for the growing staffs of the Veterans' Affairs Department, including a story that about \$130,000 has been used on such purposes already and that the personnel of this organization may be doubled within the next two years. This rapid growth of this organization has been interpreted along Parliament Hill as a sign of the steadily increasing number of men being discharged from the armed forces.

Great Activity of Inventors

In face of the circumstances, yet activities amongst the inventors have been rising to new heights. At least, a most interesting report to that ef-

fect has been given by the Dominion Commissioner of patents, J. T. Murphy, who has disclosed in the nation's capital that no less than 11,227 applications for patents had been made in the past year or an increase in this respect of 12 per cent. Not only have the inventors produced articles of concern to the production of war machines and materials but also others in various fields, including such articles as synthetic resins, new motor fuels, processes of vegetable oils for food and paint, insecticides, synthetic vitamins, fluorescent lamp starters, photo electric card sensing registers, magazine safety razors, cow fasteners, self-sealing gasoline tanks, gyroscopes, color photography, and

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LOVE AT FIRST FLIGHT

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CHAPTER V

Barred from the Navy's V-7 program because he lacked two years of college math, Lester Dowd tries to enlist in the Coast Guard, but is turned down because of a "facial squint." The doctor refuses even to examine him. Commander Whitman, an old friend of the family, endeavors to get a waiver for Lester so he can join V-7, but after weeks of waiting Lester learns they still insist on two years of college math. He is successful in joining the V-5 Naval Aviation and is sent to Anacosta Naval Base. Six weary weeks of preliminary ground school pass by and he is finally driven to a flying field. He goes up on an indoctrination flight, with Mr. Glossup, his instructor.

Mr. Glossup took this opportunity to turn the plane over on its back. I hung suspended by the safety belt. My feet fell from the pedals and floated aimlessly under the instrument panel. A week's accumulation of small pebbles and lesser filth drifted down my pants leg. My hands felt loose and my arms dropped limply into space. This was the straw that broke the camel's equilibrium.

"Go ahead and kill me," I sobbed, tired of living. A tide was rising in my throat.

"That was inverted flight," chirped Mr. Glossup.

My head fell forward on my chest. I felt as if I were going to drain right out of myself.

Mr. Glossup looked in the reflector. "From your ghastly pallor I judge that you are sick," he said. "May I?"

He kindly tipped the plane over to one side, affording all the comforts of home.

I summoned my waning strength. The large Glossup head was directly in front of me. The target was right in my sights and a couple of damp bursts in back of the neck was no more than he deserved. I was on the verge of pulling the trigger, but the Dowds are a proud clan. Could I shoot a man in the back, with my background? I lurched to the side of the cockpit.

We turned for home, while Mr. Glossup gave a bright resume of the flight. I slumped lower and lower into the cockpit in a partial coma. The figure of Drake recrossed my fevered mind, but this time he wasn't strutting jauntily off the bowling green. He lay on his bunk below decks, an ordinary man humbled by the elements, swallowing Mother Sills' Pills like peanuts. Few people know of that.

In this semiconscious state I felt the wheels of the plane jar against the earth. Mr. Glossup taxied slowly back to the place on the line.

"Switch off!" he cried to the mechanic, and leaped nimbly from his seat.

"You'll find a mop and water behind the hangar," he said to me, and walked away.

Nodding weakly, I prayed he wouldn't slip on the sidewalk and break his back in four places.

I sat motionless in the cockpit. The sun, now almost at its zenith, had burned the freshness out of the morning. A hot wind was raising the dust in swirls. The world was an old, repeated thing shorn of novelty. I shuddered to contemplate the tattered leftovers. Of adventure and gallantry as Arthur's knights knew it, nothing remained but misery and sickness—much sickness. And it would get worse and worse.

With effort I hauled myself from the plane and settled dizzily to the ground. David Munk shuffled up.

"Ole son, it looks as if you wuz rung out," he said.

"Dry as a bone," I confessed. "David," I asked, raising my head, "how do you like flying?"

"Well," he drawled, "Ah'm not so friend of the family, endeavors to get a waiver for Lester so he can join V-7, but after weeks of waiting Lester learns they still insist on two years of college math. He is successful in joining the V-5 Naval Aviation and is sent to Anacosta Naval Base. Six weary weeks of preliminary ground school pass by and he is finally driven to a flying field. He goes up on an indoctrination flight, with Mr. Glossup, his instructor."

"What's wrong?" I asked. I felt cheated.

"It's too much like work," Munk criticized. Ah worked before once. Ah didn't like it then and Ah don't change much from year to year."

Munk had a constant pickled outlook that rarely let him down. I never envied him more.

From the direction of the road a familiar harsh voice hollered, Hey, Mack, all aboard if you're going back with Ben Hur."

It was Fearless indulging his whim. He noticed my distress. "Oh, sick, huh, Mack? Happens to the best. C'mon c'mon get off the canvas—it's good for you, Mack, best thing for ya."

"You too?" I cried. I put my head between my knees and retched.

After ten periods of instruction a cadet is considered safe for his first solo, an experience, he is given to understand, that is comparable to going over Niagara in a barrel. Mr. Glossup abandoned the rough and ready tactics of initiation and conscientiously pointed me for the Great Day. Little by little confidence returned. By the second flight I was sitting securely in the cockpit without clanking at the upholders, and on the third I opened my eyes. Relations between myself and the plane however, never amounted to anything like boon companionship. Mutual trust was lacking. For my part, I always suspected the assembled nuts and bolts, and if the airplane had any sense it watched me like a hawk.

Landings were the first obstacle. The procedure was to take off, and make a climbing turn to the right or left in accordance with the course rules, level off at five hundred feet, cut the throttle at the runway's end, make a gentle approach and land. We had not been five minutes in the air on the first instruction when Mr. Glossup called over the gossip: "All right keep the air speed constant, keep the wings level, and don't cross the controls. You got it!" he cried, waving his hands over his head.

Judging from his madcap gesture that nobody was at the helm, I garbed the stick and stepped on the right rudder as if it were a poisonous spider. The plane skidded.

"Just fly the machine. Don't sprain it," called Mr. Glossup.

I could maintain something like level flight for a while, but then a wing would dip and the plane would edge slyly off to one side. It was disconcerting to have the controls at my beck and call and yet have no influence over the proceedings. I felt like a governess of faulty character victimized by hellion charges who have discovered their keeper's blind spot and fiendishly exploit the advantage. When I banked to the right, the plane went thirty degrees past my intention. The altimeter registered alternate gains and losses in altitude. I might as well have been on the Magic Carpet.

"Watch the wings. Keep them level with the horizon," criticized Mr. Glossup.

I evaded the wings.

"God the air speed," he snapped. The indicator represented the air speed in the dangerous red segment as fifty-five knots. I dropped the nose and thrust the throttle forward.

"Seventeen hundred r.p.m.'s is ample," said the Voice. "You seem determined to ruin this engine for the better student who will follow you. Now will you look at the wings? Didn't I just explain about the wings? Use your head," he implored.

I could have managed with another pair of hands and feet, but it was so hard to get extra help in those days.

"Cut your gun," he moaned. "Cut your gun. We'll be over the Navy Yard, and they will shoot at you."

I followed instructions to the letter and banked sharply to compensate for errors.

"Fine, oh fine!" the Voice chided. "Wrap her up tight. We are two hundred feet above the ground and you wrap us up in a knot. Bundles for hell."

After some uncertainty we straightened up over the runway. I forced

the descent by pointing the nose down.

"How deep do you intend to bury us this time?" asked Mr. Glossup in a resigned Oriental tone.

It was too late to make any changes. The plane hit the ground as if it had been pushed off a cliff.

"Oh!" groaned Mr. Glossup. The plane leaped into the air like a stricken thing and then fell back. "My!" groaned Mr. Glossup.

The plane bounced up once more and then came to a final rest.

"Lord!" breathed Mr. Glossup. I opened the throttle and prepared to take off again.

"This is an airplane not a yo-yo," explained Mr. Glossup.

The plane staggered and swerved. "And these pilgrimages of yours on the runway! When day is done you may inspect every inch on your hands and knees. In the meantime I advise something simple in a straight line."

Day after day this routine was repeated as I groped for the "feel" of flying. Most of the others caught on rapidly. Tim Carpenter referred to his plane as if it were female in gender and shy by nature. Flying for him was just a matter of putting his arm around this pretty fat, backward child and getting her to talk about herself.

With Tim it was love at first flight. "I give her throttle, but she says 'No,' she don't want to come around. So then I give her more throttle and she comes around so nice and sweet—and puts her nose just where I want it." He shook his head at such complacency.

As far as I was concerned "she" was just a dumb animal. With "us" it was a marriage of convenience. After the crisis when the children were old enough to know, there would be a quick divorce. She could go her way and I would go mine, and there would be an end to this silly pretending.

The day for my first solo arrived at 5 a.m., like all the other days. It had unconsciously developed tremendous importance. All the letters from home ended with "Love, and have you soloed yet?" Aunt Mab always wrote that after she "recently talked to your mother," and she was constantly under the impression that I was about to solo. Mother had commissioned me before I left. Now on the eve of the Big Game there was an ominous telegram of good cheer from Father.

"Best of luck, son. Everybody here hopes you make it."

The message was apprehensive. There seemed to be some doubt in the family whether or not the third generation could drift around by itself in the ether.

Before we left for the field, Chief Connolly a kindly man with six service stripes who lectured us in the theory of flight, called me aside. "Son, I see you're up to solo," he smiled. "Next to your wedding night," he said moving closer, "it's the greatest thrill of your life."

Although the Chief had never flown in his long career, he had insisted on this bizarre comparison all through his course. I often speculated on the aeronautical nature of his nuptials, which must have taken an odd like-bird turn.

Members of the class were free with their best wishes and each poured advice over me like liniment. Evidently Mr. Glossup had advanced the opinion that his student was no Rick-embacker and that even if I managed to get up in the air, I should come down like a rock. Tim Carpenter generously demonstrated the technique of "trotting." Red Run and Johnny Barker made pretty speeches on Death, outlining the great advantages it offered young men of twenty-two, and closing on a fatalistic "If it's your turn" note.

I was in the afternoon wing that week. By the time we were all gathered at the field the tension was strong enough to swing on. I fidgeted in front of the assignment board until the second period, which was scheduled to go up at three-thirty, and then started down the line to the plane, number two-ninety-six. On the way I passed Mr. Glossup.

"Where are you going?" he asked. "I'm up for my solo, sir I said."

"My gosh!" he muttered. He walked away, taking extra large steps which soon developed into a trot. When last seen he was running for the officers' ready room. I could see him making all the arrangements, passing his hat, calling the florist. The maestro was a very considerate man.

Reaching the plane, I smiled thinly at the mechanic and made a precautionary investigation of the plane. Finally convinced that all was "ac-

cording to Hoyle," I taxied gingerly out to the runway strip. I looked up at the tower—somebody waved—locked the tail wheel, applied full "trottle" and put in a rush call for Saint Jude. The plane left the ground as it was supposed to, and I headed for the hinterlands. If I was coming down like a rock, I was coming down unobserved in the country as a gentleman should. (To be continued)

OTTAWA WEEK BY WEEK

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numerous others. Moreover, this report indicated that the applicants living in Canada were 480 or six per cent and of the total over 80 per cent were from the United States. There was a decrease in copyrights of 345 over the previous year and these were 2,869 during the past year.

Purely Personal

Two former Ministers of the crown were seen lately along Parliament Hill and both were engaged in cleaning up their affairs before moving away as members of the Cabinet. Hon. C. G. Power, former Minister for Air, attended the routine matters in the capital and there was no confirmation to the rumour that he might become the President of the National Hockey League, though in his younger days he was a well-known hockey player for Loyola College and another Quebec team. Hon. J. L. Ralston, the former Minister of National Defence, was busy arranging his office affairs in the capital in preparation for going south for a well deserved rest before returning to the practice of law in Montreal. Two well-beloved characters along Parliament Hill have passed away suddenly. Harold J. Egan, a member of the messenger's staff of the House of Commons and at one time attached to the household staff of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, died suddenly in a store in Ottawa. Another whose sudden passing has removed a most popular and interesting character was

Herbert D. Throp who was the reference clerk in the Library of Parliament where he was known to all for the past thirty years. He had a famous collection of scrap books and clippings that were eagerly sought by leaders and others along Parliament Hill since these contained a wealth of invaluable historical information as well as most useful current reference. The appointment of Lester B. Pearson as successor to Hon. Leighton McCarthy as Canadian Ambassador to the United States has been accompanied by many stories why the change had taken place at this time but usually well-informed observers in Ottawa insist that Mr. McCarthy had been anxious for a long time to give up the post for purely personal reasons.

TRY A CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT IN THE NEWS-ARGUS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Rawdon Township

From Dec. 16, '43 to Dec. 15, '44

EXPENDITURES

From December 16th, 1943 to December 31st, 1943

| | |
|--|------------|
| Registrations births, marriages and deaths | \$ 9.25 |
| Financial Statement | 15.00 |
| Reeve and Clerk, long distance calls | 5.00 |
| James W. Haggerty, County Rate, 1943 | 2201.27 |
| Exchange on cheque, county treasurer | 13.75 |
| Treasurer of School Sections | 2012.34 |
| Equipment Grant | 270.43 |
| Bull Dozer for Tractor | 1000.00 |
| Exchange on Cheque | 8.71 |
| | \$43495.75 |

Dec. 17th, 1943 — Geo. E. Thompson, Taxes... \$13000.00

RECEIPTS

January 1st, 1944 to Dec. 15th, 1944

| | |
|--|------------|
| Balance on hand per last audit | 1314.61 |
| Prov. Gov. Grant | 500.06 |
| Mrs. Florence Jones, tax sale, 1942 | 34.66 |
| Donald Dunkley, hospital account | 78.81 |
| Geo. E. Thompson, 1943 taxes | 2000.00 |
| James Haggerty, 1942 tax, M. Sweet | 19.27 |
| Prov. Gov. Road Subsidy | 4251.93 |
| Geo. E. Thompson, 1943 taxes | 1000.00 |
| Prov. Gov. Subsidy, payment on tractor | 372.31 |
| Cle. Gay, rental bulldozer | 12.00 |
| Geo. E. Thompson, 1943 taxes | 1000.00 |
| Geo. E. Thompson | 3000.00 |
| Arthur Morrison, rental bulldozer | 120.00 |
| Chris. Burkett, telephone | 6.00 |
| Cle. Gay, rental bulldozer | 12.00 |
| Geo. E. Thompson, 1943 taxes | 6000.00 |
| Prov. Gov. Road Subsidy, 1944 | 1573.16 |
| W. Chambers, rental bulldozer | 6.00 |
| James W. Haggerty, land tax | 574.05 |
| James W. Haggerty, crushed gravel | 522.50 |
| Philip Carr, rental bulldozer | 16.00 |
| Wilfred Sine, use of compressor | 19.00 |
| W. J. Bateman, rental Bulldozer | 113.00 |
| W. J. Barlow, tile | 21.00 |
| Vernie Heath, rental bulldozer | 20.00 |
| Geo. E. Thompson, 1943 taxes | 1000.00 |
| Geo. E. Thompson, 1943 taxes | 1088.57 |
| Howard Finch, rent compressor | 4.20 |
| | \$24679.13 |
| Geo. E. Thompson, 1944 taxes | 35000.00 |
| | \$59679.13 |

STATIONERY AND PRINTING

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Bell and Barlow, stamps for auditor | 5.00 |
| Stirling News-Argus, auditor's supplies | 9.75 |
| Bell and Barlow, stamps for treasurer | 6.00 |
| Stirling News-Argus, printing and supplies | 17.45 |
| W. J. Barlow, stamps, treasurer | 6.00 |
| Stamps for Clerk | 25.00 |
| Stirling News-Argus, Voters' List | 137.75 |
| | \$ 206.95 |

LAW COSTS

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Stirling Treasurer, 1943 | \$ 25.00 |
| Village Marmora, 1943 | 12.00 |
| | \$37.00 |

BOARD OF HEALTH

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Dr. E. A. Carleton, quarantine and release | 130.00 |
| Dr. E. A. Carleton, quarantine and release | 130.00 |
| Dr. E. A. Carleton, sanitary inspector, etc. | 113.50 |
| Salaries | 64.00 |
| | \$ 437.50 |

SALARIES & ALLOWANCES

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Volney Richardson, auditor | \$ 90.00 |
| Robert Scarlett, assessor | 135.00 |
| Wilfred Spencer, canvassing Conf. of Agri. | 10.00 |
| Robert Scarlett, Court of Revision | 5.00 |
| Committee | 50.00 |
| Geo. E. Thompson, salary | 275.00 |
| Selection of Jurors | 9.00 |
| Theodore Reid, weed inspector | 30.00 |
| Evelyn Bailey, caretaker | 16.00 |
| W. J. Barlow, clerk | 340.00 |
| E. S. Bailey, Treasurer | 175.00 |
| W. J. Tanner, Reeve | 75.00 |
| John Morrison, Deputy Reeve | 60.00 |
| Wilfred Spencer, Counsellor | 60.00 |
| Albert Cook, Counsellor | 60.00 |
| Ed. Bateman, Counsellor | 60.00 |
| Mrs. Mary Cranston, caretaker of cenotaph | 23.00 |
| Percy Ray, school attendance officer | 20.00 |
| | \$1498.00 |

COUNTY CALL

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| James W. Haggerty | \$21591.96 |
| Thos. H. Prest, Road Voucher No. 1 | \$ 896.99 |
| Thos. H. Prest, Road Voucher No. 2 | 144.88 |
| Thos. H. Prest, Road Voucher No. 3 | 96.40 |
| Thos. H. Prest, Road Voucher No. 4 | 236.13 |
| Thos. H. Prest, Road Voucher No. 5 | 497.49 |
| Thos. H. Prest, Road Voucher No. 6 | 446.49 |
| Thos. H. Prest, Road Voucher No. 7 | 185.94 |
| Thos. H. Prest, Road Voucher No. 8 | 431.48 |
| Thos. H. Prest, Road Voucher No. 9 | 1854.54 |
| Thos. H. Prest, Road Voucher No. 10 | 1469.21 |
| Thos. H. Prest, Road Voucher No. 11 | 2881.48 |
| | \$8641.03 |
| Rent—St. Mark Shed, Bonarlaw | 5.00 |
| | \$8646.03 |

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Albert Brownson, sheep killed | \$ 30.00 |
| Lindsay Mumby, valuator | 2.00 |
| Sanford Spry, sheep killed | 2.00 |
| Lindsay Mumby, valuator | 2.00 |
| Walter Scott, one inspection | 2.00 |

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Bernard Quinlin, sheep killed | 6.00 |
| Lindsay Mumby, two inspections | 4.00 |
| Lindsay Finch, sheep killed | 4.00 |
| J. C. Bateman, valuator | 10.00 |
| Sanford Spry, sheep killed | 2.00 |
| Lindsay Mumby, four valuations | 8.00 |
| Elisa Spry, sheep killed | 15.00 |
| Angus Brownson, sheep killed | 18.00 |
| Chris. Bateman, sheep killed | 53.00 |
| Rillius Herrington | 4.00 |
| Alton Hadley, lamb killed | 10.00 |
| Geo. E. Thompson, sheep killed | 60.00 |
| Sidney Mason, Sheep killed | 40.00 |
| Chris. Bateman, six valuations | 62.00 |
| Elisa Spry, sheep killed | 12.00 |
| Chris. Bateman, sheep killed | 23.00 |
| Isaac Spry, sheep killed | 33.50 |
| Delbert Fleming, sheep killed | 10.00 |
| Lindsay Mumby, 5 valuations | 38.00 |
| Chris. Bateman, 9 valuations | 18.00 |
| Lindsay Mumby, five valuations | 10.00 |
| Albert Twiddy, 2 valuations | 4.00 |
| Rillius Herrington, sheep killed | 17.00 |
| Delbert Fleming, sheep killed | 40.00 |
| Gordon Webb, sheep killed | 30.00 |
| John Fleming, sheep killed | 14.00 |
| W. J. Tanner, sheep killed | 8.50 |
| Sidney Mason, sheep killed | 21.00 |
| Arthur W. Reid, sheep killed | 28.00 |
| Fred Mack, 1 calf injured | 5.00 |
| John Wellman, sheep killed | 29.00 |
| Vernie Heath, sheep killed | 18.00 |
| Wesley Heath, sheep killed | 13.00 |
| John Wellman, sheep killed | 10.00 |
| Gordon Webb, sheep killed | 10.00 |
| Lindsay Mumby, two valuations | 4.00 |
| Vernie Heath, sheep killed | 21.00 |
| Sidney Mason, sheep killed | 10.00 |
| James Brownson, sheep killed | 9.00 |
| Lindsay Mumby, one inspection | 2.00 |
| Chris. Bateman, three inspections | 6.00 |
| | \$919.00 |

MISCELLANEOUS

| | |
|--|----------|
| Hydro. Town Hall | \$ 3.49 |
| Ontario Mutual Association, membership fees | 5.00 |
| H. C. Martin, premium Treasurer's Bond | 16.00 |
| Municipal Office, dog tags and supplies | 22.82 |
| T. H. Prest, refund on Finch's cheque | 15.20 |
| A. Cook and Ed. Bateman, delegates good roads | 40.00 |
| Thomas Cassidy, bounty on wolf | 15.00 |
| Hydro. Town Hall | 4.95 |
| H. C. Martin, Insurance Premium on Hall | 22.50 |
| Hydro Electric, town hall | 4.05 |
| Clarence Wellman, work on bulldozer, A. Morrison | 30.00 |
| T. H. Prest, work at A. Morrison's | 10.50 |
| Stirling Agricultural Society Grant | 35.00 |
| Newton White, building and cleaning hall | 8.45 |
| John Pollock, cutting weeds | 3.20 |
| Ben Dewey, cutting weeds | 2.00 |
| Lindsay Cassidy, bounty on bear | 25.00 |
| Hydro. Town Hall | 4.05 |
| L. P. Hughes, Marmora Municipal Tele, 1943 | 28.00 |
| Howard Finch, 39 yds. wire fence | 5.85 |
| Road Insurance Premium | 125.00 |
| Hydro Electric Comm., Springbrook light | 84.70 |
| Chas. Dracup, error for dog tax on bill | 2.00 |
| John Scott, error for dog tax on bill | 5.00 |
| W. J. Barlow, wreath, Armistice Day | 6.00 |
| Stanley McFarney, wire fence | 2.00 |
| Clerk and Reeve, long distance calls | 5.50 |
| Percy Mumby, cutting brush | 15.50 |
| | \$550.51 |
| James A. Haggerty, hospital D. Dunkley | 78.81 |
| | \$629.32 |

SUMMARY—RECEIPTS

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Balance on hand last audit | \$ 1314.61 |
| Prov. Gov. Road Subsidy | 667.46 |
| James W. Haggerty, tax sale | 627.38 |
| Donald Dunkley, hospital acc. | 78.81 |
| Geo. E. Thompson, 1943 taxes | 15088.57 |
| Rental from Bulldozer | 299.00 |
| Rental from Compressor | 27.00 |
| Talc | 5.00 |
| James W. Haggerty, crushed gravel | 522.50 |
| | \$24679.13 |
| Geo. E. Thompson, 1944 taxes | \$35000.00 |
| | \$59679.13 |

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Sheep killed by dogs | \$ 919.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 629.32 |
| Stationery and Printing | 206.95 |
| Law Costs | 37.00 |
| Board of Health | 437.50 |
| Salaries and Allowances | 1498.00 |
| County Call | 8646.03 |
| Roads and Bridges | 25713. |

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WELLMAN'S UNITED CHURCH CHORAL SERVICE

A Christmas Choral Service was conducted in the Wellman's United Church on Sunday evening, December 24th. The choir members were for the first time the gowns which were recently presented to them by the Woman's Association members.

This service opened with a procession in which Mrs. Townsend, of Stirling, took a solo part, the choir members joining softly in a chorus on "Silent Night." After the Minister called to worship the solo, "Gentle Mary" was given by Betty Hulin, and the congregation sang, "Joy to the World." The choir of 15 voices sang, "The Song of Wondrous Beauty" and all joined in the reading of "Te Deum Laudamus." The solo, "Infant Holy," was given by Mrs. G. D. Watson, and

the Rev. T. F. Townsend read the Christmas Message from St. Luke. Two Soprano and Alto Duets—"Send The Tidings" and "God of Love" were given by Mrs. Clifford Clancy and Miss Dorothy Hinds.

The Offerings were received by Douglas Clancy and Howard Wallace. The message brought by the Rev. T. F. Townsend made comparisons between the messages of Bells and Bugles. The bells standing for Love, Peace and Good Will and the Bugles for Hate, War and Desolation.

A Pantomime, "As With Gladness" was presented by Miss Doris Pollock with Mrs. Townsend as soloist. The Service was closed with all singing, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night", and a special Christmas Benediction offered by the Minister.

ST. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT

The annual Christmas Tree entertainment of St. Paul's United Church Sunday School, was held in the Sunday School Hall, on Friday evening. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity with the Sunday School scholars and their parents. The hall was beautifully decorated and a large illuminated Christmas tree stood close to the platform.

The Rev. David Gray presided and in a few words welcomed the scholars and parents. Mr. John L. Good, the superintendent of the Sunday school was called upon to present diplomas for attendance to a large number of the pupils and to announce the names of the prize winners for regular attendance at the Sunday School. Fourteen of them had perfect marks and eighteen missed a couple of Sundays. The thirty-two winners will be presented with handsome book prizes. Under the leadership of the teachers of the Sunday school the scholars presented a fine programme.

At the close of the program good old Santa Claus came along and distributed to the children about 150 bags of candies.

A splendid Christmas Tree entertainment was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT

In spite of inclement weather the people of the Bethel United Church enjoyed a fine program on December 20th, presented by the members of the Sunday School Classes under the management of their Superintendent, Mr. Roy Welbourn and the Teachers of the school. Mrs. Walter Warren took charge of the training of the two Junior classes. Robert Elliott acted as Pianist for the evening.

The following program was heard with satisfaction and interest.

Opening Chorus by the School—"The Christmas Story"; A Welcome address by Bernice Hagerman; Song, "Tattle-Tale" by the Primary and Junior Classes; Recitation by Norma Kirkey; Recitation by Jimmy Hagerman; vocal duet by Shirley and Bernice Preston; Recitation by Lorna Watson; Exercise by Mrs. Warrens Class—"Watching for Santa Claus"; Recitation by Ruth Welbourn; piano solo, Bernice Hagerman; Recitation by Ella Mae Watson; Recitation by Ruth Willman; dialogue by Mrs. S. Elliott's class of boys; Girls Chorus—"The Christmas Cake Song"; Piano Duet, by Dorothy and Vivian Conney; Dialogue by Senior Class—"City Cousins"; Vocal Duet by Misses Vivian and Ruth Welbourn; dialogue by the Seniors—"A Slight Mistake"; Vocal Duet, "The Wondrous Word" by Rev. T. F. and Mrs. Townsend; Dialogue in two acts, "A Fortunate Joke"; Tableaux, "The Spirit of Christmas" in which Miss Vivian Welbourn took the leading part; Tableaux, "The First Christmas Morn"; Closing Message demonstrated by Lorne Ball; Chorus by the school; A Thrilling Visit from Santa; God Save The King.

SPRINGBROOK

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Fleming and boys were Sunday guests of Mrs. Alex Fleming, Ivanhoe, and spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Groves, Eldorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Woodbeck and family, Stirling, and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Baker, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murney Mason on Christmas.

Mr. Maurice Austin, Toronto, is spending sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Austin.

L.A.C. Clinton Lough, has returned to Swift Current, Sask., after spending a furlough at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay McKeown and Shirley, Mt. Pleasant; Miss Myrtle McKeown, Peterboro; Mrs. Sarah McKeown, Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McKeown and Margaret, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reg. McKeown and Billie on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Bateman, Ruth and Donna; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Broadworth and Doreen, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Peterson and family.

Mr. Russel White, Toronto, was a recent guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newton White.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Mason and Miss Elda Mason, on Christmas were, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Sables, Stirling; L.A.C. Richie Mason, Camp Borden; Mrs. Mason and family Stirling; Misses Helen and Dorothy Ketcheson, Trenton; Mr. and Mrs. George Mason and family, Stirling; Mr. Wallie Ketcheson, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ketcheson, Brighton and Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Mason and Lois.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Reid and Janet, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Reid on Christmas.

Mrs. C. A. MacConnell is spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Thos.

MacConnell, Stirling.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Mumby, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley, Peterboro, on Christmas.

Mr. Douglas Cooper, Toronto, is spending sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Green and family, Stirling, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jeffrey, Montreal, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Heath, on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Shortt and Marion, L.A.C. Clinton Lough, Mrs. Lough and Lois, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lough, and Ray.

Miss Ada Bateman, Toronto, spent the Christmas week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bateman.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Mumby and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Spencer, Rylestone, on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bateman, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bateman.

R.F.M. Frank Moore just recently arrived back from overseas and Mrs. Moore, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Moore, on Christmas.

SCHOOL GRANTS GRADED

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teachers for the preceding school year; (a) 90% of the first \$20,000; (b) 80% of the next \$20,000; (c) 70% of the next \$20,000; and (d) 60% of any further amount. An additional grant is also given equal to 50% of any amount paid out of current revenue with the approval of the Minister of Education during the preceding calendar year for erection of school buildings or additions or purchase of new equipment.

NOMINATIONS RESULT IN ELECTION

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condition would be overcome, stated councillor Wells.

Councillors G. Thompson and E. G. Bailey also spoke briefly on the year's work and expressed their appreciation for the confidence placed in them by the electors.

Board of Education

R. E. Fox, of the Board of Education spoke of the good work done in the local schools, which was a source of pride to the citizens of the village. All the rooms in the public school and several in the High School had been redecorated during the summer vacation at considerable cost, but the work was unavoidable.

Dr. Carleton and Ewart Bailey, members of the Board, also spoke briefly of the splendid work being done at the local schools.

Hydro Commissioner

Roy Eggleton, hydro commissioner, outlined the work of the Hydro Commission. A new truck had been purchased and a new floor laid in the office.

J. V. Holt, a nominee for council, spoke of his experience in municipal affairs and stated that while he liked our village, there was room for much improvement. "We haven't equitable assessment in the village and can't expect it when only a small salary is paid the assessor. Some day a valuator will have to be called in," said Mr. Holt. He also spoke of some action being taken to procure industry for the village.

Robt. Burgess, a nominee for council, also spoke of the need for industry and promised his support in trying to get one to locate here.

Dr. Helliwell, a nominee for Board of Education, also spoke briefly. He was intensely interested in education, knew something of the problems met by the Board of Education, and was willing to assume a share in the work.

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About People

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cairns and Teddy spent the Christmas week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cairns, Hybla, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wannamaker, Fort Stewart.

LAC Lorne Anderson, Sydney, N.S., Mrs. Anderson and family of Keswick, are spending the Christmas vacation with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Francis, Miss Shirley Francis and Sgt. A.G. Don Francis, spent Christmas in Tweed guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Emmerson.

Miss Phyllis Gray, of Ottawa, and Mr. Douglas Gray, of Queen's University, Kingston, are spending this week with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. David Gray.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harper Rollins on Sunday were, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Matthews and family and Mr. and Mrs. William Matthews and family, of Wellman's.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Elliott and Robert, of Bethel, were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Bailey and Jewel, 2nd Concession of Sidney.

Rowan Walker, of O.V.C., Guelph, and Jack Walker, of Queen's University, Kingston, are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. V. Walker.

Miss Marion Richardson, of Hamilton, and Miss Mary Lanigan, of Peterboro, are spending this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Volney Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Duff and family, of Aurora, were guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Spry, for Christmas. Mrs. Duff and children are remaining here for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Scott, of Toronto, spent the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scott and all were Christmas Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Daniels, Foxboro.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stapley were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fraser and family, of Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Stapley and family of Campbellford; Mrs. E. Danford, Mrs. Gavin Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillips, of Belleville; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stapley and Donna and Mr. and Mrs. K. Tompkins and family, Stirling.

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